

While House Releases Emails On Benghazi

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Wednesday released 99 pages of emails on last year's dead-



Gregory Hicks, former deputy chief of mission in Libya, testifies on Benghazi on Capitol Hill in Washington.
(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

The aggravation phase played out in quick fashion, with only one prosecution witness and none for the defense. The most dramatic moments occurred when Martinez displayed photos of the bloody crime scene for the jury and paused in silence for two minutes to describe how long he said it took for Alexander to die at Arias' hands on June 4, 2008.

Arias, wearing a silky, cream-colored blouse, appeared to fight back tears most of the morning. She spent the weekend on suicide watch before being transferred back to an all-female jail where she will remain until sentencing.

"She made sure she killed him by stabbing him over and over and over again," Martinez said.

The defense didn't have much of a case given how many times Alexander was stabbed, the defensive wounds on his hands, the length of the attack, and the sheer amount of blood found at the scene.

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Especially Cruel



Jodi Arias looks at the family of Travis Alexander on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, during the sentencing phase of her trial at Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix.

(AP Photo/ Rob Schumacher)

Jurors find Jodi Arias eligible for death penalty

BRIAN SKOLOFF
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Jurors in a U.S. trial that has riveted viewers with details of sex and violence said Wednesday that a former waitress should be eligible for the death penalty after they convicted her last week of murdering her lover.

The 32-year-old Jodi Arias has admitted killing Travis Alexander in June 2008 at his home. She first denied involvement. Two years af-

ter her arrest, she said it was self-defense. Prosecutors said she planned the killing in a jealous rage.

The jury decision came after a day of testimony in the "aggravation" phase of the trial, during which prosecutor Juan Martinez hoped to prove the June 2008 killing was committed in an especially cruel and heinous manner.

Family members of victim Travis Alexander sobbed in the front row as Marti-

nez took the jury through the killing one more time. He described how blood gushed from Alexander's chest, hands and throat as the motivational speaker and businessman stood at the sink in his master bathroom and looked into the mirror with Arias behind him. "The last thing he saw before he lapsed into unconsciousness ... was that blade coming to his throat," Martinez said. "And the last thing he felt before he left

this earth was pain." The trial now moves into the final phase, in which prosecutors will call Alexander's family and other witnesses in an effort to convince the panel Arias should face the ultimate punishment. Arias' attorneys also will call witnesses, likely members of her family, in an attempt to gain sympathy from jurors so they give her life in prison.

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Christie's sells huge 101.73 carats diamond for \$26.7M

JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — A huge diamond unearthed in Botswana commanded an unearthly price of \$26.7 million from Christie's auction house Wednesday amid the spring ritual of well-heeled bidders flocking or phoning in to Geneva's luxury sales.

The pear-shaped gem accounted for more than a quarter of the \$102 million in sales rung up by Christie's Wednesday night, a night after Sotheby's had \$78 million in sales.

"A perfect diamond commands a perfect price," Christie's trumpeted on Twitter of the record sale price for the largest D-color flawless diamond ever offered at auction — a whopping 101.73 carats that took 21 months to polish.

Jewelry, watches and other luxury items are sold every spring by the big auction houses at Geneva's elegant lakefront hotels — seemingly a world away

The auction house said eight bidders fought for Lolobrigida's pair of diamond and natural pearl earrings, which finally sold for more than \$2.3 million and set a new auction record for such an item.

The 85-year-old actress, who starred opposite Humphrey Bogart, Frank Sinatra and other top actors in the 1950s and 1960s, said she was selling the jewelry partly to fund an international hospital for stem cell treatment.

Sotheby's also sold a 74.53-carat fancy yellow diamond that once belonged to Ahmad Shah Qajar, the shah of Persia from 1909 to 1925 and the last ruler of the Qajar dynasty.

Its sale for nearly \$3 million set both an auction record and a record price per carat — an eye-popping \$40,061 per carat — for a fancy yellow diamond.

Among other items auctioned off Tuesday night was Barcelona soccer star Lionel Messi's Audemars



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, center, British Prime Minister David Cameron, right, and Sen. Thad Cochran on Capitol Hill in Washington. Cameron survived a potentially humiliating challenge to his policies toward the European Union on Wednesday by a closer margin in Parliament than had been forecast.

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Cameron survives Europe vote by a narrower margin than forecast

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LONDON — Prime Minister David Cameron survived a potentially humiliating challenge to his policies toward the European Union on Wednesday by a closer margin in Parliament than had been forecast, illuminating the depth of dissent within his party over an issue that has divided it for decades.

In a parliamentary ballot, 130 lawmakers, most of them from Cameron's Conservative Party, voted in favor of a resolution criticizing his handling of a burgeoning crisis over whether Britain should leave the 27-nation European bloc that is seen as a cornerstone of the world's economic and political architecture. British analysts had forecast that around 80 legislators would support the resolution.

Cameron has promised an "in-out" referendum on British membership in the European Union by 2017 if he wins the next election in 2015. He has also pledged to renegotiate Britain's ties to the body. But many Con-

servative lawmakers want him to move faster and more decisively, and the ballot measure Wednesday criticized Cameron for failing to enshrine his European pledges immediately in law.

Cameron was not in Parliament for the vote Wednesday evening because he was winding up a scheduled three-day visit to the United States with a debate on global issues of poverty and development at the United Nations.

Speaking in New York, Cameron sought to play down the impact of the vote, according to the Press Association news agency. "I don't think people can read in anything really to the scale of that free vote, not least because only the Conservative Party has a very clear position and a very clear policy about what needs to happen in Europe," he said.

The rebellion among Conservative lawmakers nonetheless highlighted the party's vulnerability to decades of corrosive debate about its ties to a European bloc that British skeptics de-

picture as a monstrous super-state devouring British sovereignty.

Even though Conservatives know how internal fights over Europe damaged their previous governments in the 1990s, the issue refuses to go away, leaving Cameron trapped between those in his party who want to move quickly to leave the union and his junior coalition partners, the Liberal Democrats, who want Britain to stay in.

The rebels' demand for a vote was largely symbolic because their bill had almost no chance of passing Parliament without the official support of the government.

The debate has enabled opposition politicians to argue that Cameron has lost control of his party over the issue, just as the last Conservative prime minister, John Major, did in the 1990s. They argue that Conservative critics of the European Union are determined to quit the bloc and therefore will not be satisfied by any concessions short of an exit. But Cameron rejected the charge. □



A Christie's employee displays the largest D-color flawless diamond, weighing 101.73 carats, at Christie's auction house in Geneva, Switzerland.

(AP Photo/Salvatore Di Nolfi)

from some European countries whose economies are shrinking as their governments enact often tough budget austerity measures to get a handle on their debts.

Sotheby's auction featured a diamond jewelry collection belonging to Italian screen actress Gina Lollobrigida that fetched \$4.9 million, some of which she plans to donate to stem cell research.

Piguet No. 10 Royal Oak Chronograph wristwatch, which sold for \$81,850 to raise money for the four-time FIFA player of the year's foundation.

After that auction, Lollobrigida said her jewels had brought her much pleasure for many years, but she hopes that "selling them will raise awareness of stem cell therapy, which can cure so many illnesses." □

Obama: Acting tax agency commissioner has resigned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama announced the resignation of the top official at the federal tax agency following a controversy over the targeting of conservative political groups for extra scrutiny, moving aggressively to respond to one of several scandals plaguing his administration.

Obama, who has been criticized for appearing passive in his response to the tax controversy that erupted last week, declared Wednesday, "I am angry about it" and said the American people had a right to be angry as well. He announced the resignation of Steven Miller, acting commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, a day after the release of an inspector general's report that showed ineffective management at the IRS allowed agents to improperly target conservative groups for more than 18 months.

The IRS investigation is one of several scandals dogging the Obama admin-

istration, including its response to last year's deadly attack on a U.S. diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, and the seizure of Associated Press phone records

term agenda and score political points ahead of next year's congressional elections.

The Justice Department and three congressional

nal elections and the 2012 presidential election.

The agency started targeting groups with "Tea Party," "Patriots" or "9/12 Project" in their applica-

to flag groups for additional scrutiny.

Tea party groups emerged after Obama took office in 2009 and take their name from the Boston Tea Party, a 1773 protest by American colonists against taxation without representation in the British government. The conservative groups generally advocate limited government.

As the IRS investigation widened, the leader of the House of Representatives, Speaker John Boehner, told reporters Wednesday, "My question is, who's going to jail over this scandal?"

Obama announced Miller's resignation after meeting at the White House with top officials from the Treasury Department, which oversees the IRS.

Miller became acting commissioner in November, after Commissioner Douglas Shulman completed his five-year term. Shulman had been appointed by President George W. Bush. The president had proceeded cautiously after the IRS controversy was made public Friday.

While he initially said the accusations were "outrageous,"

he also said he wanted to wait until the inspector general's report was released before addressing what should be done to hold accountable those responsible.

Besides seeking Miller's resignation, Obama said his administration would put in place new safeguards to prevent a recurrence of the IRS actions and said he insisted the IRS implement the inspector general's recommendations immediately.

The IRS had agreed to seven of nine recommendations contained in the report.

Obama said the improper behavior at the IRS was especially egregious "given the power that it has and the reach that it has into all of our lives."

In a letter to IRS staff Wednesday, Miller said he will leave his role as acting commissioner in June. □



President Barack Obama sits with Attorney General Eric Holder during the 32nd annual the National Peace Officers Memorial Service, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, on Capitol Hill in Washington, honoring law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

in a leak investigation.

The trio of tempests has emboldened opposition Republicans as they seek to stymie Obama's second-

committees are also investigating the IRS for targeting tea party and other conservative groups during the 2010 congressio-

tions for tax exempt status in March 2010, the inspector general's report said.

By August 2010, it was part of the written criteria used

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A Libyan man investigates the inside of the U.S. Consulate after an attack that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, on the night of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, in Benghazi, Libya.

(AP Photo/Mohammad Hannon)

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Holder defends subpoenas for AP records

PETE YOST

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder told Congress Wednesday that a serious national security leak required the secret gathering of telephone records at The Associated Press as he stood by an investigation in which he insisted he had no involvement.

Pestered by Republicans and some Democrats, Holder testified that he has faith in the individuals conducting the broad investigation, driven in large part by GOP outrage last year over the possibility that administration officials leaked information to enhance President Barack Obama's national security reputation in an election year.

Holder said he had recused himself from the case because "I am a possessor of information eventually leaked."

He said he was unable to answer questions on the subpoenas and why the Justice Department failed to negotiate with the AP prior to the subpoenas, a standard practice.

That elicited frustration from some committee members with the Obama administration and the attorney general.

"There doesn't appear to be any acceptance of responsibility for things that have gone wrong," Rep.

James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., told Holder.

He suggested that administration officials travel to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and take a photo of the famous sign, "the buck stops here."

and an al-Qaida plot to place an explosive device aboard a U.S.-bound flight. Holder had resisted calls for a special counsel, telling lawmakers that the two attorneys, Ron Machen and Rod Rosenstein, are experienced, indepen-

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., planned to revive a 2009 media shield bill that protects journalists and their employers from having to reveal information, including the identity of sources who had been promised confidentiality.



Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., center, has a heated exchange with Attorney General Eric Holder as the House Judiciary Committee focuses on oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla., watches at right.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

It was the Justice Department's No. 2 official, Deputy Attorney General James Cole, who made the decision to seek news media phone records, Holder said.

Last year, Holder appointed two U.S. attorneys to lead a Justice inquiry into who leaked information about U.S. involvement in cyber-attacks on Iran

dent and thorough.

Holder was grilled on several scandals rocking the administration, including the targeting of conservative groups by the Internal Revenue Service and any missteps in sharing intelligence information prior to the bombings in Boston.

Responding to news of the gathering of AP records, The law does contain some exceptions in instances of national security.

"This kind of law would balance national security needs against the public's right to the free flow of information," Schumer said in a statement.

"At minimum, our bill would have ensured a fairer, more deliberate process in this case."

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Deal reached in Catholic lawsuit

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)

— A lawsuit filed against a U.S. diocese and its bishop by a girl who was 2 when a priest took pornographic photos of her has tentatively been settled for \$600,000, a lawyer for the girl said Wednesday. The Catholic church continues to struggle to handle abuse claims across the country. This case comes after the church paid \$10 million to settle earlier, unrelated claims against the diocese and the bishop promised such abuse wouldn't happen again. Gregg Meyers told The Associated Press about the deal before it had been officially announced.

He said it was reached soon after a U.S. District judge dismissed one of two counts in the suit against the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Bishop Robert Finn. The judge dismissed one count alleging the bishop and diocese aided and abetted priest Shawn Ratigan in his possession of child pornography. The judge said the diocese and bishop didn't know about hundreds of lewd photos on Ratigan's laptop computer until after he had committed the crime. Ratigan pleaded guilty in August to taking pornographic photos of the girl in May 2006 at a church. He awaits sentencing. The case led to a misdemeanor conviction against Finn for failing to notify police or state child welfare authorities about the photos. The lawsuit's second count accused the bishop and diocese of receiving, possessing or distributing pornographic images of the girl. Jack Smith, a spokesman for the Kansas City diocese, confirmed the deal but said it still must be approved by a judge because the plaintiff is a minor. "I haven't seen all the terms of the settlement as they were agreed to, but I can confirm \$600,000 was the amount," Smith said. He said the deal actually addresses two lawsuits, including one the girl's parents had planned to file in state court this week.

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In new trial, Simpson is demure, but unbowed

ADAM NAGOURNEY

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LAS VEGAS — His hands cuffed to his belt, his legs shackled, O.J. Simpson shuffled to the front of a courtroom Wednesday morning after four years in prison, testifying in an effort to overturn the kidnapping and robbery conviction that sent him to state prison after he was acquitted of the double murder that made him notorious. Simpson cut a far different figure than he did during the "trial of a century" in Los Angeles in 1995 or as the American hero football player he had once been. At 65 — "nearing 66," Simpson said, almost plaintively, his voice clearly audible across the small courtroom — he is grayer, balder, slight-

ly stooped and heavier. Yet in a morning of answering questions, Simpson was amiable and unruffled, smiling and even joking as he answered queries about

the confrontation in a hotel room here four years ago that led to his conviction on robbery and kidnapping charges and a sentence of up to 33 years in prison.

As Simpson recounted the story of the robbery — he said he was trying to peacefully reclaim at a hotel room some personal items stolen from him and

put on the lucrative sports memorabilia market — he remarked on the outsized celebrity he has been, the object of polarized fascination since his transformation from a football star and Hertz pitchman to a man accused of the murder of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, in Brentwood, an expensive Los Angeles neighborhood, in 1994. On Wednesday, O.J. Simpson was, in effect, giving the testimony he never gave in his 2008 trial, when he was convicted of being one of a gang of men who barged into a hotel room and stole sports memorabilia, including many items that came from Simpson. He said he had followed a lawyer's advice who said it was legal to do that, as long as he did not trespass or use force.

"It was my stuff," Simpson said. "I followed what I thought was the law. I didn't break into the room. I didn't beat up anyone. I didn't try to muscle anyone." □



O.J. Simpson testifies during a hearing in a Clark County District Court in Las Vegas, May 15, 2013. Simpson, after more than four years in prison, is seeking a new trial for his armed robbery conviction in 2008.

(Julie Jacobson/Pool via The New York Times)

Ex-paramedic in Texas pleads not guilty

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Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — A paramedic who helped evacuate people ahead of a deadly explosion at a Texas fertilizer plant pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a charge he possessed bomb-making materials. Bryce Reed was arrested last week. Authorities have not announced any link between Reed and the April 17 blast in West, Texas, which killed 14 people. Federal investigators allege Reed had materials for a pipe bomb that he gave to someone else. An agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives wrote in a court filing that other investigators told him Reed admitted to having the bomb parts.

Reed's attorney, Jonathan Sibley, said that he agreed with prosecutors to postpone a previously scheduled detention hearing, but would not comment on why. Reed remains in custody.

"We dispute the allegations against him," Sibley told reporters outside a federal courthouse.

He also called on federal authorities either to present evidence connecting Reed to the explosion or to say he wasn't connected. The McLennan County Sheriff's Office said Friday that no evidence suggesting a link has been found so far.

"If they have something, let's hear it," Sibley said. "If they don't, let's hear it." ATF and the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office are sched-

uled to release findings of their month-long investigation Thursday afternoon.

"The investigation is ongoing and it would be premature to speculate at

this time," ATF spokeswoman Franceska Perot said Wednesday.

Another hearing in Reed's case has not been scheduled. □



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Census: White majority to linger if immigration reform is ineffective

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whites would lose their majority in the U.S. three years later than expected if immigration growth slows, according to census estimates released Wednesday. The new numbers show how projections could vary from last year's government prediction that white children will become a minority in 2018 and the overall white population will become a minority in 2043, based on what happens to the

three new alternative projections based on rates for births and deaths and a scenario in which immigration follow its recent slower pace of adding more than 700,000 foreigners each year. The Census Bureau's varying sets of projections show immigration's role in replenishing the population. As in many industrialized nations, the U.S. is slowly aging due to rising median age and lower birth rates. Several demographers say the current immigra-

tion bill under discussion in the Senate could change the U.S. race makeup by tightening border security and placing a higher priority on granting employment-based visas for high-skilled workers. Those changes are likely to result in a greater influx of Asian immigrants compared to Latinos. The Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, estimates that 150,000 fewer immigrants will enter the U.S. if the Senate bill becomes law. That is due mostly to an estimated sharp decline in illegal

border crossings. The United States has 315 million people today. Less than 64 percent are non-Hispanic whites. In a situation where immigration levels remain constant for the next half-century, the total population would climb to 392.7 million by 2060, with whites making up 44.7 percent of the population. Blacks would make up 12.7 percent, virtually unchanged from today. Hispanics, now 16 percent of the population, would rise to 29 percent by



Victoriano Del La Cruz, 36, a carpenter from Mexico, stands just outside a basement entrance as Sergio Ajche, 29, from Guatemala, finishes a painting job, in New York. Experts and activists say that thousands of immigrants living without documents in the U.S. will be excluded from immigration reform. According to census estimates released Wednesday, whites would lose their majority in the U.S. three years later than expected if immigration growth continues to slow.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

country's economy and immigration policy. Immigration laws now face their first major overhaul in two decades. If immigration growth slows, the nation's population would not reach 400 million until after 2060, a decade or more later than forecast, the Census Bureau said. The U.S. population is projected to climb to 400 million by 2051. Such a date remains the official census projection, based on the assumption that immigration continues to climb. The 2046 estimate of a white minority is one of

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that year. Asians would increase from 5 percent of the population to 7.5 percent. Under the official projections released in December, immigration will become the main driver of U.S. growth by 2032. That would be the first time that natural increase from births was not the leading cause of population increase since at least 1850, putting the U.S. in the company of many other industrialized nations such as Japan and Italy that long have struggled with low growth rates. □

Q&A ON THE NEWS

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Q: There have been numerous reports in the press about shortages of various types of ammunition. Is it possible this shortage is related to the billions of rounds of ammo purchased by the Department of Homeland Security?
-- Sy Richards, Atlanta

A: Several U.S. congressmen, including Rep. Leonard Lance, R-N.J., and Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., have inquired about the quantity of ammunition that DHS has bought and ordered. DHS has solicited bids for between 1.1 and 1.6 billion rounds of ammunition over the next five years, according to media reports, a decision that Inhofe called an "intentional" effort by President Barack Obama's administration to "dry up the market" for gun-owning citizens. "President Obama has been doing everything he could to stop the private ownership of guns in America," Inhofe told WABC radio in New York. Inhofe has sponsored the Ammunition Management for More Obtainability -- or AMMO -- Act that is designed to "limit the amount of ammunition purchased or possessed by certain federal agencies for a six-month period." Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., has sponsored a similar bill in the House.

Q: Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev wasn't read his Miranda Rights when he was arrested. Was Timothy McVeigh given his Miranda Rights?
-- Jean Buik, Duluth, Ga.

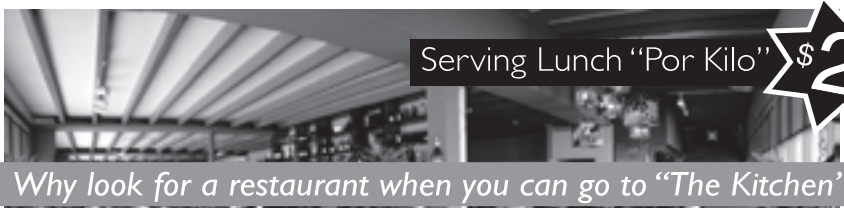
A: Former Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Charlie Hanger said he read McVeigh his rights when he arrested him for driving without a tag and a firearms offense, just hours after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. He stopped the car and McVeigh got out. Hanger noticed a bulge in McVeigh's jacket and McVeigh said he had a loaded weapon, so Hanger disarmed and arrested him, reading him his rights. McVeigh was still in custody at the Noble County jail two days later when he became a suspect in the bombing.

Q: I was wondering what were the original Dow Jones Industrial stocks when the index began?
-- Lance DeLoach, Thomaston, Ga.

A: There were 12 companies on the Dow Jones Industrial Average when it was launched in 1896:
American Cotton Oil Co.: It was off the Dow by 1901 and had several name changes. It was bought by Unilever in 2000.
American Sugar Co.: The company was off the Dow by 1930 and is now known as Domino Foods.
American Tobacco Co.: Antitrust lawsuits broke it up, but it existed until it was bought by American Brands in 1985. It's known as Fortune Brands.
Chicago Gas Co.: It lasted two years on the Dow and is now called Integrys Energy Group.
Distilling & Cattle Feeding Co.: It became National Distillers, which was on the Dow from 1934-59, and is now parts of other companies.
General Electric: It's one of the country's largest companies and the only member of the Dow's Century Club.
Laclede Gas Co.: It was off the Dow in two years, but exists as a natural gas producer called the Laclede Group.
National Lead Co.: Now called NL Industries, it was off the Dow by 1916.
North American Co.: It had two stints on the Dow, but ceased to exist in 1946.
Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co.: It was bought by U.S. Steel in the early 20th century.
U.S. Leather Co.: A trust, it dissolved in 1911, but still operated until 1952. It no longer exists. □

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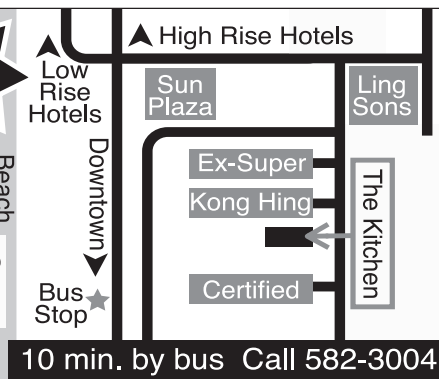


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NEW YORK — "I'm from out of town, and I like a good pastrami sandwich," said Jeffrey A. Devore, a lawyer from West Palm Beach, Fla., who was sitting in Katz's, the Lower East Side delicatessen that, like the neighborhood itself, has become a study in contrasts.

Devore had driven into Manhattan in his rental car after a court hearing in Newark, N.J., and had taken a seat amid what a critic once described as the "terrazzo-and-Formica ambience, with a cafeteria counter along one side and signs instructing you, as of yore, to 'Send a salami to your boy in the Army.'" Beneath the long, bright fluorescents that illuminate that comfortably old-fashioned backdrop, Devore opened his iPad and began reading The Wall Street Journal.

It was enough to make one wonder how to say "plus ça change" in Yiddish. Yet even Katz's, at 205 E. Houston St., at Ludlow Street, has adapted as the landscape has been remade.

In the very next block is an apartment building with a website that says two-bedroom apartments start at \$5,500 a month; a gelato store and a nail salon occupy the first-floor storefronts. Katz's is now open 24 hours a day on weekends, in part to accommodate younger, hipper customers who are out later than late. In the old days, no one risked being on the street after midnight.

"It was a very tough neighborhood," said Alan Dell, 65, one of the owners of

Katz's since 1988. "Drugs and that kind of thing. You felt nervous about coming."

His son, Jake, 25, added: "You ran in from the car and ran out. This was a safe place, always, but not the neighborhood."

Now, Alan Dell said, the neighborhood has multimillion-dollar condominiums. "Who'd have thought?"

Jake Dell said.

The pickle barrels no longer line Ludlow Street (they now occupy a storage room inside Katz's). The corned beef and the pastrami are still cured the same way they always were, using airtight barrels and a salt solution with a formula that remains a secret (as do the formulas for the wood chips in the smokehouse where the pastrami is cured and the rub that is applied to it).

Katz's has served Reubens for a decade — corned beef, sauerkraut, Russian dressing and melted Swiss cheese. Reubens have become best-sellers at Katz's, but when Alan Dell was young, it was unthinkable that a Jewish deli would serve meat and cheese together.

"Enough people started asking for it, customers, regulars, people we know and liked," Jake Dell said. "It's not like we were going to take away the old stuff, but we could add a Reuben. The same thing happened with a pastrami Reuben. For some reason, everyone wants a pastrami Reuben now. We're in the business of pleasing."

In a typical week, the counter staff goes through 20,000 pounds of meat, half of it pastrami; 3,000 to 4,000 hot dogs; and 12,000

pickles.

The makeup of the staff has changed over the years, though. "It used to be Eastern European Jews, mainly from the neighborhood," Jake Dell said. Now, he and his father said, the employees behind the counter and in the kitchen tend

Houston Street. The new storefront needed a new sign. "The sign maker asked Harry Tarowsky" — one of the owners at the time — "what he wanted on the sign," Alan Dell explained. "He said, 'Katz's Deli. That's all.'" The sign arrived with those four words on it and

in which the punch line is "I'll have what she's having."

It was probably no surprise that Katz's made a cameo appearance. "Billy Crystal and Rob Reiner are regulars," Dell said, referring to one of the stars of the film and its director.



Employees behind the counter at Katz's Delicatessen on the Lower East Side in New York, April 23, 2013. Katz's, which began 125 years ago under a different name, Iceland Brothers, has become a survivor in a neighborhood that had long-established delis.

(Bryan Thomas/The New York Times)

to be from the Dominican Republic.

Katz's has become a survivor in a neighborhood that had long-established delis. It began 125 years ago under a different name, Iceland Brothers. They took in the first Katz, Willy, as a partner in the early years of the 20th century. Eventually he bought out the brothers and changed the name from Iceland & Katz to Katz's.

The Dells, who bought into Katz's in 1988, say the first big change came in the mid-1940s, when the restaurant, originally on Ludlow Street, expanded, taking the corner storefront at

has been in the front window ever since.

Nowadays, the crowd at Katz's includes tourists who have discovered the Lower East Side — Jake Dell says New Yorkers "don't necessarily eat in the store; they take it with them or they get it delivered." And as the neighborhood has changed, one refrain at Katz's has the rumors that it was for sale. "It's not," Alan Dell said. "It's history. You don't sell history."

Another refrain has come from what Dell calls "reenactors," people who recognized Katz's as the setting for the scene in the film "When Harry Met Sally"

"But our name was not listed in the credits and, unless you knew, unless you recognized it, you wouldn't know," he said. "We didn't see a measurable increase" in business as soon as the movie was released, he said, but later articles that mentioned Katz's "put us on the map." Perhaps not the way he expected, though. Consider a segment he videotaped with Sherri Shepherd, a co-host of the daytime talk show "The View."

"She starts re-creating the scene," Alan Dell recalled. "The director, who was sitting out of range, said, 'Look surprised.' □



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Eurozone recession is now longest in currency bloc

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The eurozone is now in its longest ever recession — a stubborn slump that has surpassed even the calamity that hit the region in the financial crisis of 2008-2009.

The European Union statistics office said Wednesday that nine of the 17 EU countries that use the euro are in recession, with France a notable addition to the list. Overall, the eurozone's economy contracted for the sixth straight quarter, shrinking by 0.2 percent in the January-March period from the previous three months.

Though the contraction is an improvement on the previous quarter's 0.6 percent decline, it's another unwelcome report for the single-currency bloc as it grapples with a debt crisis that has prompted governments to slash spending and raise taxes.

"The eurozone is facing a double blow from necessary restructuring of its domestic economy and somewhat disappointing growth in world trade, in particular demand from emerging markets," said Marie Diron, senior economic adviser to Ernst & Young.

This recession is not nearly as deep as the one in 2008-9, which ran for five quarters, but it is now the longest in the 14-year history of the euro. A recession is typically defined as two straight quarters of negative growth.

in Greece 27.2 percent. Wednesday's report also brought bad news for the wider 27-country EU, which includes non-euro members such as Britain and Poland. The EU too is now in recession after shrinking by a quarterly rate of 0.1 per-

cent. Last month, U.S.-based Ford Motor Co. lost \$462 million in Europe and called the outlook there "uncertain." McDonald's saw its sales in Europe, the hamburger chain's biggest market outside the U.S., fall 1.1 percent of in the first

of the U.S. of 2.5 percent. Meanwhile, China, the world's No. 2 economy, is growing around 8 percent a year.

For many analysts, that discrepancy highlights Europe's flawed economic approach since the end of



People wait for a subway, in Milan, Italy, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. The recession across the economy of the 17 European Union countries that use the euro extended into its sixth quarter longer than the calamitous slump that hit the region in the financial crisis of 2008-09.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

Austerity measures have inflicted severe economic pain and produced social unrest across the eurozone, where the average unemployment rate is a record 12.1 percent and higher in some places. In Spain, it's 26.7 percent and

cent in the first quarter, following a 0.5 percent drop in the previous period. With a population of more than half a billion people, the EU is the world's largest export market. If it remains stuck in reverse, companies in the U.S. and Asia

quarter. Other major economies have faltered this year but none are in recession. The annualized contraction in the eurozone, based on this quarter's figures, of around 0.9 percent contrasts with the equivalent expansion

the financial crisis. Instead of keeping the spending taps on — as the U.S. has largely done — the region concentrated on austerity even though companies and consumers weren't able to plug the gap left by the retrenching state. □

UN fails again to reach nuke probe deal with Iran

VIENNA (AP) — U.N. nuclear agency officials on Wednesday again failed to reach a deal with Iranian counterparts that would allow the agency to relaunch its probe of suspicions that Tehran might have worked on atomic arms. It was the 10th inconclusive meeting between the In-

ternational Atomic Energy Agency and Iran on the issue over the past year and a half. The IAEA's investigation has stalled for more than five years, with Tehran saying it has answered all questions it is obliged to. Iran denies any interest in nuclear arms. Its chief negotiator, Ali Asghar Solta-

nieh, called the talks "constructive." Herman Nackaerts, who heads the IAEA team, told reporters that the agency would continue seeking a deal although "our best efforts have not been successful so far." No new meeting date was set. In Turkey meanwhile, the European Union's top

diplomat met with another Iranian official for discussions on whether there is enough common ground to schedule new negotiations between Tehran and six world powers on Iran's nuclear program. The six want Iran to stop enriching uranium to a level just a technical step short

of the grade used to arm nuclear warheads. The last round of talks in Almaty, Kazakhstan, last month ended in stalemate. EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Iran's Saeed Jalili met at the Iranian Consulate in Istanbul. Neither took questions as they went into the meeting. □

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Syrian rebels, regime troops fight inside of Aleppo prison

KARIN LAUB
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Rebel fighters battled regime troops inside the walls of the sprawling central prison compound in Syria's largest city Wednesday, hours after blowing open the gate with twin car bombs in an attempted jailbreak, activists said.

The orchestrated assault began at dawn, but by nightfall, the rebels had not dislodged regime forces or freed some 4,000 prisoners held there, according to two pro-opposition monitoring groups.

Across Syria, the Internet was restored after a blackout of more than eight hours, the second nationwide outage in a week. Syria's Communications Ministry blamed a rebel bombing which it said cut a cable north of the capital of Damascus but gave no details. Earlier, the state news agency SANA had linked the outage to a technical problem.

At the United Nations, the General Assembly voted 107-12 with 59 abstentions to approve an Arab-backed resolution calling for a political transition in Syria and condemning President Bashar Assad's regime for "gross violations" of human rights. Earlier this month, the U.S. and Russia agreed on a joint push to get Syria's political opposition and representatives of the Assad regime to negotiate a peaceful transition in Syria. An international conference, possibly to be held in early June, would help launch such talks. □

Wave of bombings kills at least 33 in Iraq

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A car bomb exploded near a bus station in Baghdad's main Shiite district Wednesday, the deadliest in a series of explosions that killed at least 33 people nationwide, officials said.

The bloodshed came amid growing tensions between the Shiite-led government and minority Sunnis following a deadly security crackdown on a Sunni protest camp in the country's north. Violence has ebbed sharply in Iraq, but a spike in attacks has raised fears about a return of the sectarian bloodshed that pushed the country to the brink of civil war in 2006-2007.

Majority Shiites control the levers of power in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq. Wishing to rebuild the nation rather than revert to open warfare, they have largely restrained their militias over the past five years or so as Sunni extremist groups such as al-Qaida have targeted them with occasional large-scale attacks. An increase attacks against

Sunni mosques has fed concerns about a return to retaliatory warfare.

The day began violently when an explosives-laden car parked in the center of the ethnically divided city of Kirkuk at around 3:00 p.m., killing three civilians

as they were traveling in a car nearby, the city's deputy police chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Abdul-Rahman Youssef said.

Civilians joined forces with rescuers and policemen in searching for survivors in a partially damaged house

crowds. After the second attack, firefighters struggled to extinguish the blaze that engulfed the car with at least three charred bodies of a woman and two children visible.

Kirkuk is home to a mix of Arabs, Kurds and Turkomen, who all have competing claims to the oil-rich area. The Kurds want to incorporate it into their self-rule region in Iraq's north, but Arabs and Turkomen are opposed.

Hours later, several bombs struck within a 90-minute time frame as Iraqis were heading home from work or doing errands in mainly Shiite areas of Baghdad.

The deadliest was in the sprawling slum of Sadr City, an area that saw some of the fiercest fighting between Americans and Shiite militias during the peak of sectarian bloodshed. Police and hospital officials said a car bomb exploded near a crowded bus stop in the area, killing at least seven people and wounding 20. The blast also damaged several shops and cars in the area, which was sealed off by police. □



Residents react to a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Two car bombs struck a disputed northern Iraqi city on Wednesday as a series of attacks across the country, killing and wounding dozens of people, police said.

(AP Photo/Emad Matti)

and wounding eight. An hour later, another parked car bomb exploded in the same area, killing two children and their parents

after the first explosion. A wailing man was repeatedly trying to make his way through to the house, but he was prevented by the

Protesters close Libyan oil terminal, halt exports

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BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Protesters and disgruntled job seekers forced the closure of an eastern Libyan oil terminal on Wednesday for the second time in six months, disrupting exports, said an oil ministry official. Deputy Oil and Gas Minister Omar al-Shakmak said dozens demonstrated at Zueitina terminal, demanding the Libyan National Oil Corporation make good on pledges to hire 340 people.

This is the second time protesters have closed the terminal, through which flows 20 percent of Libya's 1.6 million barrels a day of exports.

Zueitina is located 870 kilometers (540 miles) east of Tripoli. The first closure took place in December.

Libya is going through a rocky transition after its bloody 2011 civil war. The central government remains weak and has been challenged by powerful militia groups, initially formed of ex-rebels who fought

dictator Moammar Gadhafi's forces during the war. Successive governments have relied on them to maintain security, but they have been blamed for ongoing violence.

Also Wednesday, a Libyan man was shot and mortally wounded during a clash with security forces at a police station in the eastern city of Benghazi while trying to free an acquaintance, witnesses said. They say that after he died in hospital, a group of angry relatives returned to torch

the station and ransack its offices.

Much of Libya's turmoil in recent weeks has taken place in the capital Tripoli, where militias besieged government buildings to force the resignation of top officials and pressure the country's parliament to pass a contentious law that could push Gadhafi-era officials from senior government posts. Parliament passed the law on May 5. Subsequent demonstrations against militias have been attacked. □



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Palestinians mark their 1948 displacement

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RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Tens of thousands of Palestinians marked the 65th anniversary of their mass displacement during the war over Israel's 1948 creation, marching in the streets and in some parts of the West Bank clashing with Israeli security forces.

Every May 15, Palestinians hold rallies to commemorate the "nakba," or "catastrophe" — the term they use to describe the displacement, when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were driven from their homes during the fighting. The dispute over the fate of those Palestinians and their descendants, now numbering several million people, remains at the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The United Nations General Assembly approved a partition of British-ruled Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states in 1947. In May 1948 Israel declared independence.

Israel views the Palestinians' return as demographic suicide and expects the displaced and their descendants to be taken in by a future Palestinian state. But intermittent Israeli-Palestinian attempts to agree on the terms of such a state have so far failed.

Across the West Bank on Wednesday, sirens wailed at noon for 65 seconds to commemorate the 65 years since the "nakba." Thousands marched in Ramallah from the grave of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to the city center. Many wore black in a sign of mourning, holding Palestinian flags and large keys symbolizing the homes they left behind. "The right of return will not die," chanted the protest-

ers. Schools closed at mid-day and parents brought their children to the demonstration.

In Ramallah, 38-year-old Manwal Awad brought her 11-year-old twins to the protest. "Every year I bring them with me to inherit the story of our nakba, and to keep the dream of return," she said.

Rallies were elsewhere in

bottles at police that injured three police officers, he said.

Seven other Palestinians suspected of attacking several Jews as they walked to the Western Wall in the Old City were also arrested, he said.

In Gaza, around a thousand people marched to the U.N. headquarters in Gaza City, where the dem-

salem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"We won the support of the world," Abbas said, adding that Israel's policies toward the Palestinians are "condemned internationally."

Last year, Abbas created a stir when he told Israeli media that he himself has no wish to live in Safed, the city of his birth, in northern



People hold torches as Palestinians hold a rally to commemorate the 1948 creation of the Israeli state, known in Arabic as "Nakba Day," or "Day of the Catastrophe" in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Wednesday, May 15, 2013.
(AP Photo/Majdi Mohammed)

the West Bank as well, and in several places demonstrators throwing rocks clashed with Israeli security forces, who responded with tear gas, Israel's military said.

Near the volatile city of Hebron, a fire bomb hit at an Israeli military vehicle, causing it to overturn and injuring four soldiers, the military said.

In east Jerusalem, Israeli police used water cannon and officers on horseback to disperse an "illegal march," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Nineteen protesters were arrested for throwing rocks and

onstrators chanted: "We shall return. We will never give up or compromise over our land."

Militants in Gaza, which has been under the control of the militant Hamas group since 2007, fired a rocket into southern Israel that exploded in an open field causing no injuries, Israel's military said.

In a televised speech on Tuesday night, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said the Palestinian cause earned international acceptance last year with the United Nations' de facto recognition of a Palestinian state in east Jeru-

Israel.

Although widely condemned by Palestinians, Abbas' remarks were seen as a reflection of a decades-old understanding among Palestinian officials that likely only a limited number of refugees would ever be able to return to their original homes in Israel as part of a compromise that would result in a future peace agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has been trying to renew Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, which collapsed four years ago over the issue of Jewish settlements. □

Egypt's judges suspend talks with president

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — In the judiciary's latest face-off with Egypt's Islamist rulers, the country's top council of judges decided Wednesday to suspend its participation in a government-backed judicial reform conference following a renewed push by lawmakers on a controversial bill that would force thousands of their colleagues into retirement. The declaration by the Supreme Judicial Council makes it unlikely that the conference, which aimed to give judges a chance to reform themselves, would reduce tensions between Islamist President Mohammed Morsi and his allies and the judiciary. Morsi's allies say Egypt's judiciary is filled with supporters of ousted president Hosni Mubarak, who have worked to undermine the transition to democracy and the Islamists' rise to power. Many judges agree in principle on the need for reform, but don't want the presidency or the legislature to carry it out. They say Morsi has tried to interfere in their affairs and curb their independence, with an eye to control them.

Uproar erupted last month over the bill, the most controversial clause of which would drop retirement age for judges from 70 to 60. This would affect nearly a quarter of the country's 13,000 judges and prosecution officials, most of them in senior positions, including in Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court.

In an outreach to judges, Morsi agreed to a "Justice Conference" in which judges would front proposals to reform themselves. □

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Buenos Aires launches tours for Argentine pope

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Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina
(AP) — You can see the streets where he grew up and played soccer, the church where Jorge Ber-

Circuit" in papal yellow, which also happens to be the official color of the metropolitan government that began offering the tours last weekend. For three hours, the bus

his mother and father, Regina Maria Sivori and Mario Bergoglio, in the 1930s and 40s is gone now, but the bus cruises down the tree-shaded middle-class street past the property, where

Martin. The tour also passes the Jesuit College of El Salvador, where Bergoglio taught literature and psychology in the 1960s, and the Salvador University he later oversaw. The tour leaves out the gritty slums where Bergoglio's church was a frequent benefactor, but there's a nod to his reputation for ministering to society's outcasts: a swing past the Devoto prison where he often said Mass on the Thursday before Easter. The bus finally stops at the parish of San Jose del Talar, where visitors can pray at a sanctuary that features a painting of the Virgin untying knots and passing them to angels. Bergoglio had the painting brought from

Germany in the 1980s, and ever since, attendance at the church has soared. Less sacred ground is covered as well. The bus stops downtown at the historic Roverano passageway, where Bergoglio had a monthly haircut for 20 years at Romano's barber shop, a high-ceilinged place that seems to have been frozen in time since the early 20th Century. But the barbers would rather not be bothered: Tourists are advised to gawk from outside as the artisans with scissors and razors work on their mostly elderly clientele. "It's a pride to have had Monsignor Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, as a client every month for 20 years," says a poster stuck to the shop window. □



Passengers sit in the single-story cruiser tour bus decorated with a banner of Pope Francis and the Argentine flag in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (AP Photo/Natacha Pisarenko)

goglio prayed as a teenager and the cathedral where the man who would become Pope Francis said Mass. You can even visit the stand where he bought his newspapers every weekend and where he went for a haircut. With an Argentine on the throne of St. Peter, the South American country's capital city has launched a series of guided tours to give visitors a glimpse of the places that formed Francis, even if the bus and walking tours are just a modest, and so far non-commercial first stab at papal tourism. The tour bus is a single-story cruiser with sealed windows above a huge image on each side of Francis and the words "Pope

winds through Buenos Aires twice each Saturday and Sunday and can carry about 40 passengers, rolling past 24 sites linked to the new pope, but stopping only twice and leaving little opportunity for snapshots. There's no charge for the trip, or for more limited walking tours of downtown and neighborhood sites offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "I loved the tour ... It's to live the history of Bergoglio, of his family, and I also visited his neighborhood, which I had never seen," said Alicia Perez, a 71-year-old Argentine who was one of the few non-journalists on inaugural bus tour. The house at 531 Membrillar where the pope and four siblings grew up with

another dwelling was later built. Nearby there's the little plaza where he played soccer as a boy, and the narrow, neo-classical San Jose de Flores church where he worshipped as a teenager and felt called to devote his life to God. Visitors also see the seminary in the leafy neighborhood of Villa Devoto where Bergoglio decided to become a Jesuit priest, and the Metropolitan Cathedral, which looks more like a classical Greek temple than a typical Catholic church. Bergoglio eventually presided as the capital's archbishop in the imposing structure, which also houses the tomb of South American independence hero Jose de San

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Puerto Rico delegate Pierluisi seeks vote for U.S. statehood

DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Puerto Rico's representative in Congress is seeking an unprecedented yes-or-no vote on whether the island should become the 51st state, submitting a bill Wednesday that riled many in the U.S. territory.

The proposal by Pedro Pierluisi calls for a federally approved ratifying vote in which Puerto Ricans would be asked if they want their island to become a state. If the majority agrees, the bill calls for the president to submit legislation to Congress within 180 days.

"I expect a clear and firm answer from Congress. This cannot fall on deaf ears," Pierluisi said. "We lack democratic rights ... It's about time this issue be addressed." The White House announced last month it would seek \$2.5 million from Congress to fund a vote on the island's future political status following disagreements about the results of a nonbinding, two-part referendum held in November.

On the ballot's first question, more than 900,000 voters, or 54 percent, said they were not content with the current commonwealth status.

A second question asked voters to choose a status. Of the approximately 1.3 million voters who made a choice, nearly 800,000, or 61 percent, supported statehood. Some 437,000 backed sovereign free association and 72,560 chose independence. However,

nearly 500,000 left that question blank.

Pierluisi and members of his New Progressive Party maintain that a majority chose statehood. Opponents including Puerto Rico governor Alejandro Garcia Padilla, whose Popular Democratic Party supports the status quo, say the results were inconclusive.

The general secretary of Garcia's party, Jorge Suarez, rejected Pierluisi's bill, saying Puerto Ricans cannot ratify what never happened. "No one can say that the previous referendum held on the island revealed any kind of result," Suarez said. "Pedro Pierluisi in Congress today made statements based on fictional results in which the status quo was excluded from the ballot."

Pierluisi's bill is co-authored by 30 legislators, including Rep. Jose Serrano, a New York Democrat who for the first time aligned himself publicly with Pierluisi on the status issue, stating that he supports any measure that does away with colonialism. Serrano questioned why people are afraid of the public's opinion on the issue. "Let's ask the big question," Serrano said. "If the answer is no, then maybe the issue remains dead for a generation. If the answer is yes, the issue remains on the table."

Less than a day before Pierluisi submitted his bill, a majority of legislators in Puerto Rico approved a resolution they plan to send to President Barack Obama and Congress. □

Haiti president defends first 2 years

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haitian President Michel Martelly defended his administration Tuesday as he marked two years in office, pointing to a national school-tuition program, social protection projects and the return of tourism as his leading achievements. Pacing on a stage in downtown Port-au-Prince, Martelly ad-libbed for about 30 minutes about his government's accomplishments that were detailed in a 500-page book that he held aloft.

He also said he opposed the division that has long been a hallmark of Haitian politics and invited former leaders Jean-Bertrand Aristide and Jean-Claude Duvalier to meet with him.

"It's for you all that I'm working," Martelly told a crowd of several thousand

than a million children by covering their tuition. There have been no independent studies to verify the number and critics have said they believe the number of students enrolled in the program is lower.

Martelly, a former pop star known as "Sweet Micky" who was famous for his raunchy stage antics, spent his first year trying to install a government with an opposition-controlled Parliament. The second year was largely spent trying to implement government projects, many of them heavily focused on courting foreign investors and tourists.

"I'm happy that we have a government that's finally thinking about development," said Jean Marc, a 28-year-old who sported a pink Martelly T-shirt that read "Victory is always for the population" — a slight

sic food staples.

Martelly's critics showed their disdain for the president the past two years by organizing street protests, including one Tuesday, and by criticizing him on the Senate floor. But there has been no sign of a united front in the opposition.

A potential opposition figure has emerged in Aristide, who made his first public appearance last week as part of trip to court to answer questions for a judge investigating the unresolved case of a slain journalist. The two-time president had not openly ventured from his home since returning from exile in 2011, and his motorcade through the capital drew thousands of supporters.

A leader in Aristide's Lavalas political party said it wants to run in still unscheduled legislative and local elections.



Haiti's President Michel Martelly waves to supporters alongside his wife first lady Sophia Martelly at an event marking his two years in office in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Martelly, a former pop star known as "Sweet Micky" who was famous for his raunchy stage antics, spent his first year trying to install a government with an opposition-controlled Parliament. The second year was largely spent trying to implement government projects, many of them heavily focused on courting foreign investors and tourists.
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people on the plaza in front of where the National Palace stood before it collapsed in the devastating 2010 earthquake. "A lot of things are starting to happen."

As one of his biggest accomplishments, he pointed to a school program that he said has enrolled more

variation on a government slogan.

Marc pointed to a newly paved road in the Delmas district of the capital, where he lives, as one of the administration's concrete accomplishments. He also hoped the government would be able to bring down the cost of ba-

The vote was supposed to have been held in late 2011 but was delayed because of infighting, the holdup frustrating Haiti's international partners. A nine-member electoral council was created last month but has yet to announce a date for the vote. □



Pullmatur Group is high on cruise tourism during low season

ORANJESTAD - During a welcome ceremony of the first call of the cruise ship Monarch, Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber, spoke to those who were present for the occasion. Delivering personal sentiments in the speech, he remembered a few years ago there was a meeting with Royal Caribbean with Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), Aruba Ports Authority (APA) and others on selling Aruba as a 'low season' vacation destination. Seeing there was a long standing relationship with Royal Caribbean, he proposed the possibility of bringing new ships to Aruba, especially during that particular period known as the "slow season." Sometime later, there came confirmation that Pullmantur could and would visit the island year around, and they had also confirmed bookings for the next year_ something they are proud of. Minister Oduber, citing the words



of the Pullmantur's Latin American commercial director Jose Manuel Martin, indicated "in just one year Pullmantur has reached the number of cruise passengers that Aruba has had in the last four years" This number could reach

about 140,000 passengers in 2013. On board, passengers enjoy the high quality exceptional service. The all-inclusive Caribbean vacation package is replete with four restaurants, and seven bars. Be it the lido deck or upper deck, guests get spectacular views. Plus there is a luxury spa and a beauty shop. Night life includes Broadway Show Lounge, a casino and Cyan disco. Minister Oduber congratulated and thanked the Pullmantur Group, ATA, APA and Maduro and Sons for the opportunity to kick off the island's 'low season' on a high note with cruise tourism on the island. □



Roland W. Peterson presents: The Origin of San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS - Often I am asked, if I know where the name of our town San Nicolas originated from. Historians and authors disagree where the name of our town, San Nicolas came from. With this short article I will not pretend to eliminate all doubts, but at least I will give my opinion as to how I see it and leave it to the reader to decide for him/herself. In the first half of the 19th century on maps of Aruba, the bay of the little sleepy town is referred to as the "Great Bay" (Baai Grootgat). In 1887 they are mentioning the name St. Nicolaas Bay (Boca St. Nicolaas). Some people claim that the town got its name for a certain Shon Nicolaas Croes van der Biest (1808 - 1873). He was the father-in-law of the customs officer Jan Hendrik Gottfried Eman. His home "Casa Blanca" stood, in 1870, at the "mooring place" at the bay. This is where the first pier was built. Others claim that the bay was called after a certain Shon Nicolaas Eman (1812 - 1881). . Then there are others that claim, that this little fishing harbor town was named for Saint Nicholas, who is the patron of seamen and sea merchants.

In those days, many seamen called upon the Holy St. Nicholas, for a safe sea journey and haven. Many harbor places (towns) in the world have churches called for the holy Saint Nicholas. Personally, I am convinced that this last option, definitely, is the most plausible one and for the following reasons. First of all, the town is called: Sint Nicolaas (Dutch spelling). It was customary to name fishing and harbor towns for Saint Nicholas. So Aruba got its own Sint Nicolaas harbor town. Secondly we are speaking about a "Saint" (Sint). Thus the person has to be a "Saint". So far I have not been able to trace where an Aruban Croes or Eman has been canonized. There are no Saint Croes or Saint Eman. This makes it clear enough for me. The contents of this article are based on these facts and so is my opinion. I am explicitly stressing the point that this article is not a scientific or historical report; it is just the opinion of your humble author. Who is Saint Nicholas? St. Nicholas was born in 270 AD in the village of Patara. This is a town on the southern coast of Turkey. He died on

December 6, 343AD. Some historians write that the anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day. Others claim that December 6 was the date of his birth. Many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and his good deeds. His extraordinary character makes us understand why he is so loved as a champion and protector of those in need. In the East he is the miracle worker...In the West a patron of a great variety of persons, children, mariners, bankers, orphans, laborers, travelers, merchants, judges, sailors, repentant thieves and prostitutes. A friend and protector of all in trouble or need. Around the world sailors spread stories of his deeds and protection. In many seaports St. Nicholas chapels were built. More than two thousand churches were named for him, including three hundred in Belgium, thirty-four in Rome, twenty-three in the Netherlands and more than four hundred in England. He is also the patron saint of Barranquilla (Colombia), Amsterdam (Netherlands), and also Russia. Santa Claus is also the patron of "Nieuw Amsterdam" the Dutch name that was

used for New York City. He is a favorite of sailors, fishermen, ships and sea. He is the patron Saint of several cities with harbors. In Greek folklore St. Nicholas is called the "Lord of the Sea". In Greece, he is still a recognizable saint and December 6 finds many cities celebrating him as their patron Saint. The Roman Catholics depict St. Nicholas as a bishop wearing a red bishop's cloak, a red miter and a bishop's staff (crosier). In Aruba St. Nicholas Day is a festival for children. They love him as a bringer of gifts. This tradition comes from Europe. Sinterklaas Eve, December 5 is the occasion for gift-giving in the Netherlands. In the days leading up to December 5, Sinterklaas arrives in the Netherlands by steamboat. Young children put their shoes in front of the chimneys and sing special "Sinterklaas liedjes" (songs). The shoe is filled with some grass or a carrot for Sinterklaas' horse called "Amerigo". On the next morning they will find a small gift and candy in the shoe. In Germany we have Nikolaus. Children put a boot, called Nikolaus-Stiefel, outside in front of the door on the night of December 5. St. Nikolaus puts gifts in the boot and at the same time inquires about the children to see if they have behaved well. If they were naughty, they will get a tree branch (rue) in their boot. A disguised Nikolaus also visits the children at school or at their homes and asks them if they "have been good" while checking the Big Book for their records. For some children Nikolaus also means fear, as he is often accompanied by "Knecht Ruprecht", who would threaten to beat the children who behaved bad.. Knecht Ruprecht has goat feet. In Switzerland we have "Schmutzli". He threatens to put bad children in a bag and takes them back to the dark forest. The American name Santa Claus and the Anglo-Canadian and British Father Christmas come from these legends. Santa Claus comes from the Dutch word Sinterklaas. St. Nicholas symbols: To recognize St. Nicholas there are some symbols: -The miter is a general symbol for bishops; it is a tall red hat. -Crosier is a hooked staff car-

ried by a bishop. The staff is carried by the bishop as the shepherd of the people. -Children are often shown with St. Nicholas, because he is their patron. -Ships, sailors and harbors symbolize the association with St. Nicholas. -Anchor, sailors, ships and sea represents the relationship with St. Nicholas. -Book, the large book is the Record Book of children's behavior. -Shoes with children's treats or food for Amerigo are symbols for St. Nicholas. The patron Saint has many cities and countries that carry his name... Here are a few cities and towns. Argentina - San Nicolas. Aruba - Sint Nicolaas. Belgium - Ghent, Kampenhout, Liege - Sint Niklaas. Canada - Saint Nicolas, Quebec. Colombia - Barranquilla. England - Liverpool. France - Amiens, Le Sonici. Greece - Corfu, Parga. Italy - Ancona, Bari. Mexico - San Nicolas, San Nicolas de Ibarra. The Netherlands - Amsterdam, Deventer, Dordrecht, St. Nicolaasga, Zoetermeer. (More than fifty cities and towns) Peru - San Nicolas. Philippines - San Nicolas, Pangasinan. Russia - Moscow, Zarsk. Scotland - Aberdeen. Spain - Alicante. Switzerland - Sankt Niklaus. United States - New York City, San Nicolas Island California. Venezuela - Palomar. Wales - Saint Nicholas. As you can see, it has been a long journey from the Fourth Century Bishop, to the America's Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by reindeers through the sky. But today he is still Nicholas, the Bishop, whose caring continues to be a model of giving and faithfulness, St. Nicholas, lover of the poor and patron Saint of Children is still a champion of how Christians should be living with each other. As I walk the streets of San Nicolas, I often look to see if I could find something that I recognize as a tribute to our patron St. Nicholas. There is no street, no square, no building, yes nothing to show that we honor him. I think that something should be done to pay at least a little tribute to the patron Saint of San Nicolas. This is long overdue. □

Beauty On The Beach

Yadimi La Bastida

She is from Caracas Venezuela. This is her second visit to the island. She loves Aruba's Beaches.

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Aruba against Domestic Violence gets a boost: Xavier University makes a donation to Miss Aruba's initiative

ORANJESTAD - On May 14th, 2013 Miss Aruba Larisa Leeuwe received a check of AWG. 2000,- from Xavier University for her cause "Aruba against Domestic Violence". The purpose of her project is to raise funds for 4 different local foundations, who contribute in the fight against domestic Violence on Aruba by creating awareness on the topic and helping the victims of abuse. All funds raised for this project will be divided between the following foundations; Fundacion



Hende Muher den difficultad, Fundacion Respetami, Fundacion Guia Mi and Fundacion Casa Cuna Progreso. The desire to make people healthier and safer is at the heart of Xavier University's giving. Larisa wish-

es to thank Xavier University and in particular their President Mr. Bhooplapur for supporting her cause and the Aruban community. Their generous support will make a meaningful difference in people's lives. □

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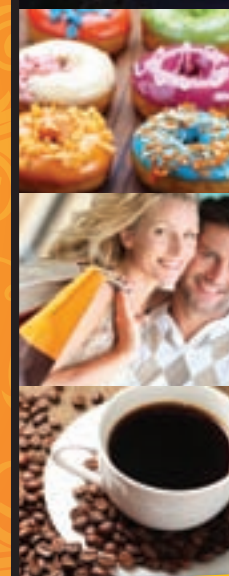
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Team Aruba welcomes special guests to ADRL spring drags

UNION, S.C. May 13, 2013

- At the last stop on the ADRL tour Team Aruba was having one of the best outings of their career. They secured the number one qualifying spot early and hung onto it for the duration. Unfortunately, Mother Nature moved in in the form of rain and stopped Team Aruba from defending their position in eliminations. Now, with the ADRL Spring Drags IV approaching this weekend, the Team hopes to claim the coveted pole position again, and this time take it to the winner's circle.

To help cheer them on, two special guests will be on hand with Team Aruba at Cordova Dragway Park. Driver of the Aruba.com / Alltel Wireless Mustang, Trevor Eman, is greatly looking forward to welcoming two of his family members onto the team this weekend, Mike and Anouk Eman.

Anouk Eman, besides be-

ing cousin to an accomplished Extreme Pro Stock driver, is an impressive standout in her own right. A student at Lindwood University, Anouk is a gold medal winning synchronized swimmer, who also recently won first place at the US National Championships in Greensboro, NC - the same weekend that Team Aruba qualified number one in Valdosta.

Trevor's uncle, Mike Eman, is a loyal drag racing supporter and also happens to be the Prime Minister of Aruba. The team from the "friendly island" is excited both to show their visitors ADRL drag racing and to introduce their drag racing 'family' to Prime Minister Eman and Anouk.

"This weekend should be a lot of fun for Team Aruba with Anouk and Mike supporting us," told Trevor.

"We are looking forward to having them with us. To celebrate the occasion, Team Aruba is organizing a cookout in our pit area for Friday night, following testing. We are inviting all Extreme Pro Stock partici-

we will also be making our famous 'Aruba Juice' - a fruity cocktail pretty well known by now in the ADRL pit area."

With the two honored guests supporting Team Aruba at the Spring Drags,



pants and ADRL officials to come by our pit area, grab a bite to eat and meet both Anouk, a gold medalist synchronized swimmer and also Mike Eman, the Prime Minister of Aruba. As a little extra incentive,

Trevor Eman hopes their cheering section is just what the team needs to continue their performance:

"Our last race went awesome. It was the first time we ever qualified num-

ber one in an Extreme Pro Stock field. The unfortunate part was that the event got cancelled due to the rain that plagued Sunday racing.

We are coming into this race as 'defending' number one qualifier, and we still have unfinished business, so to speak. Our goal is to finish what we started in Valdosta here at this race.

Hopefully we can make that happen in front of our family that is going to be with us in Cordova."

Keep up with Team Aruba at www.facebook.com/teamarubaracing and on Twitter @TeamArubaRacing.

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Britain's Andy Murray wipes his face during a pause of a match with Spain's Marcel Granollers during their match at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Murray has retired from his second-round match with Marcel Granollers in the second round of the Italian Open.

Murray retires with back pain; Nadal wins in Rome

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Back pain forced Andy Murray to retire midway through his second-round match at the Italian Open on Wednesday. He may have to sit out the French Open, too. Elsewhere at the Foro Italico, Rafael Nadal began his bid for a seventh Rome title by cruising past local hope Fognini of Italy 6-1, 6-3 in just 61 minutes. Similarly, two-time defending champion Maria Sharapova eased past Spanish qualifier Garbine Muguruza 6-2, 6-2. Meanwhile, rising Polish player Jerzy Janowicz upset eighth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 7-6 (5) then celebrated by ripping his shirt apart, showing off his muscular physique. Murray, who was celebrating his 26th birthday, walked off the court after winning the second set against Spanish opponent Marcel Granollers.

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HEAT FLASH

Miami ends gritty Chicago run in 5

Miami Heat's LeBron James dunks during the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal against the Chicago Bulls, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, in Miami.

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Kings, Penguins win conference semi openers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jonathan Quick made 35 saves in his sixth career playoff shutout, and the Los Angeles Kings opened their second-round series with a 2-0 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Tuesday night. Slava Voynov and Mike Richards each had a goal and an assist in the defending Stanley Cup champions' 11th straight victory at Staples Center since March.

With yet another dominant playoff performance by Quick, Los Angeles opened the NHL's fourth all-California playoff series with its fifth straight victory after an 0-2 start to its title defense.

The Kings' Conn Smythe Trophy winner allowed just 10 goals in the six-game first round against St. Louis before frustrating the Sharks, whose superior speed and passing produced nothing. Antti Niemi stopped 18 shots for the Sharks, who swept Vancouver out of the first round.

Game 2 is Thursday.

PENGUINS 4, SENATORS 1 PITTSBURGH (AP) — Paul Martin and Chris Kunitz



Pittsburgh Penguins' Chris Kunitz (14) gets the puck over the stick of Ottawa Senators goalie Craig Anderson (41) for a goal in the second period of Game 1 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup second-round playoff series against the Ottawa Senators in Pittsburgh, Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

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scored power-play goals and Pascal Dupuis added his sixth goal of the playoffs and Pittsburgh beat Ottawa in Game 1 of the East-

ern Conference semifinals. Evgeni Malkin extended his points streak to seven games with a goal and an assist for Pittsburgh.

Game 2 is Friday night. Tomas Vokoun stopped 35 shots to win his third straight start and top-seeded Pittsburgh never trailed.

Colin Greening scored for the Senators. Craig Anderson made 26 saves but Ottawa had no answer for Pittsburgh's power play. □

Murray retires

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"I have an issue with my lower back," Murray said. "It's been an issue for a while."

Murray took a long injury break early in the second set, getting his left thigh and lower back massaged.

Granollers won the first set 6-3 and Murray won the second 7-6 (5).

This tournament is a key clay-court warm-up for Roland Garros, the year's second Grand Slam, which starts on May 26.

"I would be very surprised if I was playing in Paris," Murray said. "I need to make a plan as to what I do. I'll chat with the guys tonight and make a plan for the next few days then make a decision on Paris after the

next five days.

Murray called for the trainer while trailing 2-1 in the second set. He then lost the next two games to trail 4-1 before battling back to force a tiebreaker.

"I want to make sure it goes away," Murray added. "It's been a problem since the end of 2011 but it got bad during last year's clay season."

Nadal will next face Latvian qualifier Ernests Gulbis, who reached the semifinals in 2010.

Gulbis routed Viktor Troicki of Serbia 6-1, 6-1. Early in the second set during an argument over a line call with the chair umpire, Troicki dragged a cameraman out onto the court to shoot the ball mark.

Sharapova now meets 16th-seeded Sloane Stephens of the United States, who rallied past Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands 4-6, 6-3,



Britain's Andy Murray receives medical care during his match with Spain's Marcel Granollers, at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Murray has retired from his second-round match with Marcel Granollers in the second round of the Italian Open

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6-2. Stephens reached the Australian Open semifinals in January with a win over Serena Williams.

"She's been climbing up against the rankings," Sharapova said. "I haven't

played against her in a while. I'm excited about that matchup. I'm looking forward to it."

Earlier, the 24th-ranked Janowicz improved his record against top-10 opponents to 3-5, having closed

last year by reaching the Paris Masters final as a qualifier, beating Murray and Janko Tipsarevic along the way. The 22-year-old Janowicz is one of only five players under the age of 24 in the top 40.

After beating Tsonga with a forehand passing shot up the line on match point, Janowicz tore his shirt into pieces and tossed it to the crowd.

"I was really happy, especially because I didn't get off to a good start to the season and I was sick," said Janowicz, who has been bothered by ear, nose and throat infections. "Now I'm healthy."

Last week's Madrid Open runner-up Stanislas Wawrinka withdrew before his match against Alexander Dolgoplov with a right leg injury. Dolgoplov will next face top-ranked Novak Djokovic. □

Heat rally past Bulls to advance, 94-91

MIAMI (AP) -- A fast start and faster finish were enough to send the Miami Heat back to the Eastern Conference finals.

LeBron James scored 23 points, Dwyane Wade added 18 and the Heat rallied from an 11-point second-half deficit to beat the Chicago Bulls 94-91 on Wednesday night and close out their second-round series in five games. Chris Bosh scored 12 points and Udonis Haslem added 10 for Miami, which ran out to a 22-4 lead, then was outscored by a whopping 29 points over the next 27 minutes before recovering. The Heat outscored the Bulls 25-14 in the fourth.

Carlos Boozer finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who were without Derrick Rose for the 99th straight game. Nate Robinson and Jimmy Butler missed potential tying 3-pointers on the final possession of the season for Chicago, which dropped the last four games of the series.

Robinson scored 21 points, Butler had 19, and Richard Hamilton 15 for the Bulls.

And there was drama, all the way to the end.

Robinson's 3-pointer with 1:43 left got the Bulls to

94-91, and Butler knocked the ball away from Chris Bosh for a turnover on the ensuing Miami possession. But Boozer missed an open 15-footer with about a minute remaining and, when Wade knocked the ball off Boozer's leg after a Miami miss with 45 seconds left, the Heat retained possession - with a fresh shot clock to boot. But Miami didn't score, and the Bulls had a final chance. Robinson missed a 3, and Butler faked his way free for a good look that hit the rim, before bouncing away. Time expired, and the Heat lingered on the court in celebration. Wade held on to the game ball as he shook a few fans' hands, and he, James and Bosh exchanged some high-fives - the last three Miami players to leave the floor.

Shane Battier opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer to get Miami within five. Another 3-pointer from Battier - over Boozer, his fellow Duke alum - came not long afterward, and he connected on a pair of free throws after being fouled on a 3-point try to cut Chicago's lead to 81-79.

Norris Cole had a pair of baskets, the second being

a left-handed driving dunk, to put Miami on top, and the Heat found a way to close it out from there.

Miami will open the East finals at home next week, and it'll be a playoff rematch from its march to the title last season. If Indiana beats New York - the Pacers lead that series 3-1 - on Thursday, then the Heat and Pacers will meet for Game 1 in Miami on Monday night. If the Knicks extend the Pacers to at least six games, then the East finals would open Wednesday night, regardless of opponent.

The Heat will almost surely be big favorites against either Indiana or New York, though it's certain either opponent would enter a series against Miami with plenty of confidence. The Knicks went 3-1 against the Heat this season, outscoring them by 11.5 points per game and winning both of their games at Miami convincingly. The Pacers went 2-1 against the Heat, winning twice in Indianapolis and losing their lone game in Miami.

To put that in some more perspective, the Heat went 2-5 against the Knicks and Pacers, and are now 72-12 against all other NBA clubs



Miami Heat's LeBron James dunks during the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal against the Chicago Bulls, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, in Miami.

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this season.

Then again, given how Miami has played over the last 3 1/2 months, the notion of the Heat losing to anybody four times might seem downright impossible. The Heat lost at Indiana on Feb. 1. They won at Toronto two days later, the first victory in what became a run of 27 straight wins - and the start of a stretch that has seen Miami now go 45-3 in its last 48 games.

More than half the league

- 17 of the other 29 teams - didn't win 45 games, total, this season, even including playoffs.

No one would have thought the ending would be so exciting after the way this one started.

Marco Belinelli took the Bulls' first shot, a woefully short airball. Joakim Noah took their second shot, a very long airball. Their third possession was a turnover.

The night was shaping up like a Chicago disaster. □

Spurs, Pacers win to close on conference finals

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

George Hill scored 26 points and Paul George added 18 points and 14 rebounds Tuesday night, leading the Indiana Pacers to a 93-82 victory over the New York Knicks and a 3-1 lead in the second-round series. Indiana needs one more win to reach the conference finals for the first time since 2004. Game 5 will be Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

NBA scoring champ Carmelo Anthony fouled out with 24 points. J.R. Smith had 19 on another dreadful night for the Knicks.

The game followed a fa-

miliar pattern. New York's shooting was off, Indiana had a huge rebounding edge and the Knicks couldn't challenge in the second half.

New York didn't hang around long, either. Indiana closed the first quarter on a 9-2 run to break a 14-14 tie. New York never got closer than five the rest of the way.

SPURS 109, WARRIORS 91

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker had 25 points and 10 assists, and San Antonio held Golden State's starting backcourt to 13 points for a victory to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony, left, and Indiana Pacers' Paul George vie for a rebound during the first half of Game 4 of an Eastern Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series, on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in Indianapolis.

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Kawhi Leonard added 17 points, Danny Green scored 16 and Tim Duncan had 14 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio.

Harrison Barnes scored 25 points, Jarrett Jack added 20 and Carl Landry 16 for Golden State. No other Warriors player had more than nine points.

The Spurs held Mark Jackson's self-proclaimed "greatest shooting backcourt" in NBA history to 6-for-22 shooting. Stephen Curry finished with nine points, going 1 for 7 on 3-pointers, and Klay Thompson was held to four while not even attempting a 3. □

AL Capsules

Rays' Moore beats Red Sox for AL-leading 7th win

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Matt Moore pitched six solid innings to remain unbeaten and tie for the major league lead in wins, sending the surging Tampa Bay Rays to a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night. Moore (7-0) yielded a three-run homer to David Ortiz in the first, then limited the struggling Red Sox to one hit over the next five innings. The Rays overcame the early deficit with a five-run fifth off John Lackey (1-4). Jose Molina and Matt Joyce each drove in two runs in the inning, helping Tampa Bay extend its winning streak to a season-high six games. Boston has lost six of seven, including three straight. Moore allowed three hits and struck out eight. The 23-year-old lefty matched Washington's Jordan Zimmerman for the major league lead in victories, became the first Tampa Bay starter to begin a season 7-0 and tied a club record by winning his eighth straight decision dating to September. Fernando Rodney struck

out the side in the ninth to finish the combined three-hitter and earn his seventh save. **YANKEES 4, MARINERS 3** **NEW YORK (AP)** — Robinson Cano hit a two-run double, Lyle Overbay delivered a tiebreaking sacrifice fly and New York rallied past Seattle after Felix Hernandez left following a couple of odd twists. Hernandez exited after six innings with a 3-1 lead, having outpitching CC Sabathia in the first matchup between the former Cy Young Award winners. Hernandez, however, tweaked his back in the sixth when he fielded a comebacker, pivoted and threw to second for a forceout. The right-hander allowed one earned run in another strong outing at Yankee Stadium, and leads the AL with a 1.53 ERA. Sabathia, who had won his last eight starts against Seattle, struck out 10 in 6 1-3 innings while giving up 10 hits. Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer for Seattle in his return to Yankee Stadium. New York star Curtis Granderson came off the



Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Moore delivers to Boston Red Sox's Jacoby Ellsbury during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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disabled list and went 0 for 3 with a walk in his season debut. Down 3-1, the Yankees rallied for three runs in the seventh to win for the seventh time in eight games. Charlie Furbush (0-2) gave up Cano's tying double off the base of the wall in right-center. Shawn Kelley (2-0) got two outs and Mariano Rivera remained perfect in 16 save chances this season. **RANGERS 6, ATHLETICS 5, 10 INNINGS** **OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Adrian Beltre hit a tiebreak-

ing home run in the 10th inning, Mitch Moreland followed with his second of the game and Joe Nathan made sure Texas held off Oakland. Nathan gave up a run in the bottom of the 10th but escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam to snap Texas' four-game losing streak to the Athletics. Beltre sent a 3-0 pitch from Chris Resop (1-1) to center field with one out in the 10th for his ninth homer of the year. Moreland connected two batters later. He also hit a two-run shot in

the fourth. Nathan needed 31 pitches to nail down his 12th save in as many chances this season. After a pair of one-out walks, Seth Smith doubled in a run. Nathan intentionally walked Brandon Moss before striking out Daric Barton. The closer then retired pinch-hitter Eric Sogard on a first-pitch groundout to end it. Tanner Scheppers (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win. Nelson Cruz's second sacrifice fly of the game tied it in the eighth against Ryan Cook. A's manager Bob Melvin was ejected for the third time this season. **ANGELS 6, ROYALS 2** **ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Albert Pujols, Howie Kendrick, Josh Hamilton and Mike Trout all homered off Jeremy Guthrie, and Los Angeles handed the Kansas City right-hander his first loss in 19 starts. Hamilton, the Angels' right fielder, made his fourth start at designated hitter after being removed from Monday night's series-opening loss in the seventh inning because of lightheadedness. □

NL Capsules

Beltran helps Gast to first win as Cards top Mets

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carlos Beltran drove in four runs and rookie left-hander John Gast picked up a win in his major league debut, helping the St. Louis Cardinals cruise past the New York Mets 10-4 on Tuesday night. Gast (1-0) tossed five shut-out innings before giving up four runs in the sixth. He surrendered six hits, struck out three and walked one in a 71-pitch effort to help the Cardinals win for the fifth time in six games and 11th in their last 13. Beltran slammed a three-run homer in the fifth inning, his team-high 10th, to give St. Louis a 9-0 lead. He also added a run-scoring

hit in the third. Dillon Gee (2-5) gave up six runs — five earned — in four innings for the Mets, who lost their fifth straight. **ROCKIES 9, CUBS 4** **CHICAGO (AP)** — Carlos Gonzalez homered twice and finished with a career-high five hits to lead the struggling Rockies to a victory over the Cubs. Gonzalez was 5 for 5 and fell a triple shy of a cycle, and Eric Young Jr. also homered for the Rockies, who had lost five of their last six. Colorado increased its lead to 5-0 in the third when Gonzalez hit his eighth of the season deep into the right-field bleachers. His home run in

the ninth put the Rockies up 8-3 and gave him nine multi-home run games in his career. Jeff Francis (2-3), winless since April 5, gave up one run and three hits while striking out seven in six innings. He was 0-3 with an 8.25 ERA over his previous six outings. Carlos Villanueva (1-3) allowed six runs and 12 hits in five innings for the Cubs. **REDS 6, MARLINS 2** **MIAMI (AP)** — Homer Bailey pitched a six-hitter to earn his first victory since April 5, and the Reds extended their winning streak to four games by beating the Marlins. Xavier Paul hit a three-run double for the Reds, who took advantage



St. Louis Cardinals' Carlos Beltran, right, celebrates as he touches home near New York Mets catcher John Buck after hitting a three-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in St. Louis.

Associated Press

of consecutive bases-loaded walks by Ricky Nolasco. Brandon Phillips, who began the night tied for the NL lead in RBIs, drove in two runs. Bailey (2-3), who threw a career-high 125 pitches, tied his major league best with 10 strikeouts and

walked none in his fourth complete game. He retired the final eight batters, and his last pitch was a 97 mph fastball. The right-hander, who has had spot-ty run support this season, lowered his ERA at night to 1.80. His ERA in three daytime starts is 7.16. □

Scrutiny on Tiger Woods now for different reasons

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PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — Tiger Woods has

faced more scrutiny than any other golfer from his generation. Maybe ever. Just not this variety.

Woods must long for the days when the golf world obsessed over his swing changes (all four of them) and questioned his coaches (all three of them). He was criticized for not playing enough tournaments and not giving the tournaments he did play enough notice that he was coming.

Some complained he practiced so early in the morning that paying customers didn't get a chance to see him. Others complained he didn't sign enough autographs. Most of it was petty.

But this is different.

Now it's his integrity on the golf course that's being questioned.

Woods won The Players Championship on Sunday for his fourth victory this year. Making it even more memorable, Woods ended his public spat with Sergio Garcia by posing with the crystal trophy. They were tied with two holes to play, and Garcia hit three shots in the water.

That all seems like B-material compared with the buzz over the drop Woods took on the 14th hole of the final round.

He hit what he called a "pop-up hook" with a 3-wood from the tee, and the ball landed in the water left of the fairway. Consulting with Casey Wittenberg, he dropped it some 255 yards short of the green. Woods then hit a remarkable shot short of the green, pitched on and missed a 6-foot putt to take double bogey.

The Internet has been alive with video showing the ball's flight on the 14th, along with analysis dissecting what was and was not said by a TV analyst, and seemingly endless theories how the ball could possibly have crossed land where Woods took his drop.

The chatter won't stop,

even though there is nowhere to go with it. Consider this statement put out by Mark Russell, the tour's vice president of competition: "Without definitive evidence, the point where Woods' ball last crossed the lateral water hazard is determined through best judgment by Woods and his fellow competitor," the statement said.

Woods conferred with Wittenberg, his playing partner.

"I saw it perfectly off the tee," Wittenberg said. "I told him exactly where I thought it crossed, and we all agreed. So he's definitely great on that."

And if video suggests otherwise?

Decision 26-1/17 says a penalty would not be appropriate because it comes down to an honest judgment.

Of course, this might not be that big of an issue except that Woods in his most recent tournament — the Masters — was guilty of taking an illegal drop on the 15th hole at Augusta National. He eventually was docked two shots, but spared disqualification by the Masters because officials said they erred in not talking to Woods about the drop before he signed his scorecard. The rules back up that decision, though this one (Rule 33-7) is subject to interpretation. It could have gone either way.

That debate rages on. Should he have withdrawn for his own benefit? Did the Masters bail him out? Meanwhile, Adam Scott has a green jacket at his place in The Bahamas and he apparently wears it every morning. Good for him. Back to Sawgrass, where there was that Saturday incident with Garcia which was one case where Woods shared some responsibility.

The scene on the par-5 second hole was chaotic. Woods was so deep in the trees that it appeared it was his turn to hit. Garcia stood over his second shot for the longest time. There was a burst of cheers

when Woods pulled out his 5-wood. Garcia finished his swing and looked over at the crowd, clearly frustrated. Woods and Garcia don't like each other and haven't for the better part of 13 years. That much can be established.

Garcia suggested in a TV interview during the storm delay that Woods pulled the club at just the right time to fire up the crowd and disrupt his swing. Woods said in a TV interview that evening, "The marshals, they told me he already hit, so I pulled a club and was getting ready to play my shot."

Sports Illustrated talked to the chief marshal for that section of the course, John North, who said he stood over the ball to keep the



Tiger Woods reacts to a missed birdie putt on the third hole during the final round of The Players championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass, Sunday, May 12, 2013, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

gallery away from it and was 5 feet away when Woods played his shot.

"Nothing was said to us

and we certainly said nothing to him," North said. "I was disappointed to hear him make those remarks.□"

Navardauskas wins stage; Nibali keeps Giro lead



Lithuania's Navardauskas Ramunas sprints to leave Italy's Daniel Oss behind, on his way to win the 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Tarvisio to Vajont, Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Associated Press

VAJONT, Italy (AP) — Lithuanian rider Ramunas Navardauskas won the 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia with a solo breakaway Wednesday, and Vincenzo Nibali held on to the overall lead.

Navardauskas, who rides for the Garmin-Sharp squad, finished in 4 hours, 23 minutes, 14 seconds over the 182-kilometer (113-mile) leg from Tarvisio to Vajont, which featured two category-2 climbs, including an uphill finish.

Italian riders Daniel Oss and Stefano Pirazzi finished

second and third, respectively. Oss crossed 1:08 behind and Pirazzi was 2:59 behind.

Navardauskas wore the leader's pink jersey briefly during last year's Giro when Garmin won a team time trial.

"The pink jersey was a beautiful surprise and I really enjoyed it but today's win is entirely different," Navardauskas said. "You can't compare them. Writing your name on the list of stage winners is just as great and more important, I think."

Nibali, an Italian with Astana, maintained a 41-second lead over 2011 Tour de France winner Cadel Evans as the top of the overall standings remained unchanged.

"It's not the first time I've had to handle a lead like this. I won the 2010 Vuelta as a favorite," Nibali said. "The Giro still has a long way to go and I realize I've got to keep my feet on the ground but I'm definitely more aware of my abilities compared to then. The team worked great today, they set the pace the entire stage."

The stage was held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Vajont dam disaster, which killed nearly 2,000 people and devastated the area on Oct. 9, 1963. Meanwhile, the race's first doping case came as the UCI notified French rider Sylvain Georges that he tested positive for a banned stimulant.

Stage 12 on Thursday is a 134-kilometer (83-mile) leg from Longarone to Treviso that starts with a few hills before a long, flat finish.

The race ends May 26 in Brescia.□

Women have more options for breast cancer surgery

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CHICAGO (AP) — One of the world's most glamorous women had an operation that once was terribly disfiguring — removal of both breasts. But new approaches are dramatically

tions that allow faster treatment, smaller scars, fewer long-term side effects and better cosmetic results. It has led to a new specialty — “oncoplastic” surgery — combining oncology, which focuses on cancer treatment, and plastic sur-

tion instead of a mastectomy. Fewer lymph nodes are being removed to check for cancer's spread, sparing women painful arm swelling for years afterward. Newer ways to rebuild breasts have made mas-

a “Goldilocks” mastectomy for large-breasted women — not too much or too little removed, and using excess skin to create a “just right” natural implant. Finally, doctors are testing a way to avoid surgery altogether, destroying small tumors by freezing them with a probe through the skin.

“Breast surgery has become more minimalistic,” said Dr. Shawna Willey of Georgetown's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“Women have more options. It's much more complex decision-making.”

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women around the world. In the U.S. alone, about 230,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

Most can be treated by just having the lump removed, but that requires radiation for weeks afterward to kill any stray cancer cells in the breast, plus frequent mammograms to watch for a recurrence.

Many women don't want the worry or the radiation, and choose mastectomy even though they could have less drastic surgery. Mastectomy rates have been rising. Federal law requires insurers to cover reconstruction for mastectomy patients, and many of the improvements in surgery are aimed at making it less disfiguring.

Here are some of the major trends:

IMMEDIATE RECONSTRUCTION

Doctors used to think it wasn't good to start reconstruction until cancer treatment had ended — surgery, chemotherapy, radiation. Women would have a mastectomy, which usually involves taking the

skin and the nipple along with all the breast tissue, followed by operations months later to rebuild the breast. Reconstruction can use tissue from the back or belly, or an implant. The first operation often is to place a tissue expander, a balloon-like device that's gradually inflated to stretch the remaining skin and make room for the implant. A few months later, a second surgery is done to remove the expander and place the implant. Once that heals, a third operation is done to make a new nipple, followed by tattooing to make an areola, the darkened ring around it.

The new trend is immediate reconstruction, with the first steps started at the time of the mastectomy, either to place a tissue expander or an implant. In some cases, the whole thing can be done in one operation.

Nationally, about 25 to 30 percent of women get immediate reconstruction. At the Mayo Clinic, about half do, and at Georgetown, it's about 80 percent.

Jolie wrote in an op-ed piece in the New York Times that she had tissue expanders and then implants placed nine weeks later. “There have been many advances in this procedure in the last few years, and the results can be beautiful,” she wrote.

SPARING SKIN, NIPPLES

Doctors usually take the skin when they do a mastectomy to make sure they leave no cancer behind. But in the last decade they increasingly have left the skin in certain women with favorable tumor characteristics — and women having preventive mastectomies, such as Jolie. Attai compares it to removing the inside of an orange while leaving the peel intact.

“We have learned over time that you can save skin” in many patients, Willey said. “Every single study has shown that it's safe.” Now they're going the next step: preserving the nipple, which is even more at risk of being involved in cancer than the skin is. □



Dr. Deanna Attai, who is on the board of directors for American Society of Breast Surgeons, stands in front of cryoablation machine at the American Society of Breast Surgeons conference on May 1, 2013 in Chicago.

(AP Photo/Carrie Antlfinger)

changing breast surgeries, whether to treat cancer or to prevent it as Angelina Jolie just chose to do. As Jolie said, “the results can be beautiful.”

Jolie revealed on Tuesday that she had a double mastectomy and reconstruction with implants because she carries a gene mutation that puts her at high risk of developing breast cancer.

For women who already have the disease, the choice used to be whether to have the lump or the whole breast removed. Now there are more op-

gery to restore appearance.

“Cosmetics is very important” and can help a woman recover psychologically as well as physically, said Dr. Deanna Attai, a surgeon who is on the board of directors of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. Its annual meeting in Chicago earlier this month featured many of these new approaches.

More women are getting chemotherapy or hormone therapy before surgery to shrink large tumors enough to let them have a breast-conserving opera-

tion a more appealing option for some women. More of them are getting immediate reconstruction with an implant at the same time the cancer is removed rather than several operations that have been standard for many years. Skin and nipples increasingly are being preserved for more natural results. Jolie, for example, was able to keep her nipples and presumably her skin.

Some doctors are experimenting with operating on breast tumors through incisions in the armpit to avoid breast scars. There's even

US approves radiation-based prostate cancer drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a new injectable drug that uses radiation to treat advanced prostate cancer that has spread to

the bones. The FDA said Wednesday it approved the drug, Xofigo from Bayer Pharmaceuticals, for men whose cancer has grown into bone tumors even after receiving medication

or surgery to lower testosterone. The hormone spurs growth of prostate tumors. Regulators approved Xofigo based on a study of 809 men with advanced prostate cancer who re-

ceived the drug or placebo. Patients taking Xofigo typically lived 14 months compared to 11.2 months for those taking placebo. Xofigo's side effects include nausea and diarrhea. □

Google's music plan part of fresh wave of upgrades

AP Technology Writers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google Inc. unveiled a streaming music service called All Access that blends songs users have already uploaded to their online libraries with millions of other tracks for a \$10 monthly fee.

The service puts the Internet goliath in competition with popular paid subscription plans like Spotify and Rhapsody and free music services like Pandora.

The announcement Wednesday at Google's annual developers conference in San Francisco kicks off a wave of developments in the digital music space that are expected to entice consumers with

ways to listen to music on a range of devices.

Rival Apple Inc. is expected to debut a digital radio service later this year; Google-owned YouTube is also working on a paid subscription music plan; and Sweden's Spotify is exploring a way to make a version of its paid streaming plan free with ads on mobile devices, according to a person in the music industry familiar with the matter. The person was not authorized to speak publicly about the developments because the deals and features on the services have not been finalized.

Google is playing catch-up in the digital music space after launching its music



Hugo Barra, vice president, Android Product Management at Google, speaks at Google I/O 2013 in San Francisco, Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Associated Press

Microsoft embraces a Google service for a change

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Microsoft's disdain for Google doesn't extend to all of its rival's products.

In a rare bit of cooperation, Microsoft's Outlook.com is giving users of its free email service the option of logging into Google Chat to exchange instant messages and engage in audio or video conversations.

The tie-in announced Tuesday represents an uneasy alliance in the midst of a typically contentious relationship between Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc.

Microsoft is framing its embrace of Google Chat as an example of how it's trying to help connect people who rely on various services to interact with one another. Both Outlook.com and Google Chat are offered for free as way for Microsoft and Google to attract more online traffic to its advertising-supported services.

With the latest addition, Outlook.com account-holders will have three different ways to interact with their friends and family in real-time discussions. They have already been able to

use Microsoft's own Skype chat service and Facebook's messaging service. Microsoft closed its Messenger chat service earlier this year as part of a switchover to Skype, which the company bought for \$8.5 billion in 2011.

Even as it offers Google Chat to its Outlook.com users, Microsoft is warning consumers that Google's search engine and other services can't be trusted. The company has spending millions of dollars on a series of critical ads that began appearing online, in print and on television about six months ago.

Some of Microsoft's recent advertising attacks have been aimed at Google's Gmail, the foundation for Google Chat.

In a marketing campaign dubbed "Scroogled," Microsoft lambastes Gmail for scanning the texts of emails to decipher what's being discussed so ads on related topics can be displayed alongside the electronic conversations. While depicting Google as an obnoxious snoop, Microsoft's ads urge people to switch to the less intrusive approach of Outlook.com.

Since the service's debut nine years ago, Google has never tried to conceal that it uses computers to parse the discussions within Gmail correspondence.

No ads are shown in live discussions on Google Chat, but marketing messages can be displayed if the conversations are saved, according to Google's policies. As it does with Gmail, Google's computers scan the context of the saved chats to help pick out which ads to show.

That practice didn't deter Outlook.com from linking up with Google Chat.

"We do not have any queasiness about adding Google Chat," said Dharmesh Mehta, Outlook.com's senior director. "We think it's important to give people choice so they can make their email more personal. It also gives people one more reason to switch from Gmail to Outlook.com."

Microsoft believes it already has dented Gmail since it converted its Hotmail.com users and other email accounts operated under other domain names, such as MSN.com, to Outlook.com earlier this year. □

store in November 2011. Apple's iTunes Store, which launched in 2003, is the leader in song downloads and Spotify claims about 6 million paying subscribers worldwide.

But Google's massive reach on mobile devices that use its Android operating system means it could narrow the gap quickly. Some 44 percent of active smartphones in the U.S. are powered by the Android software, according to research firm eMarketer. Google said about 900 million Android devices have been activated worldwide. All Access will be available in the U.S. on Wednesday and comes with a 30-day free trial. It is expected to roll out soon in 12 other countries where Google currently sells music, including 10 European countries such as the U.K., France and Germany, as well as Australia and New Zealand. If you start the trial by June 30, the monthly fee drops to \$8 for the foreseeable future.

Google's All Access allows users to search for songs, albums or artists directly, or peruse 22 different genres. Google curators also offer up recommendations based on your listening behavior and your existing library of songs.

You can listen to any of millions of tracks right away, or switch to a "radio" format that creates a playlist of

songs that you might like. Radio playlists can be adjusted on the fly by deleting or re-ordering upcoming songs.

"This is radio without rules," said Chris Yerga, engineering director of Android. "This is as lean-back as you want or as interactive as you want."

By combining an all-you-can-listen-to plan with music sold from its Google Play store, the service covers any gaps. Some artists, like Taylor Swift, keep recent releases off of streaming services for several months in order to boost download sales. The combination also means people can listen to their own specialized music or bootleg recordings alongside the millions of tracks available from Google.

All three major recording labels — Vivendi's Universal Music Group, Sony Music Entertainment, and Warner Music Group Corp. — are part of the All Access service. Listening to music streamed over cell-phone networks has become extremely popular. According to research firm eMarketer, over 96 million Americans are expected to stream music on mobile devices at least once a week in 2013, up from 85 million a year ago. About 147 million Americans are expected to stream music on the go at least once a month this year. □

Stocks keep climbing despite disappointing reports

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NEW YORK (AP) — Investors nudged the stock market to all-time highs Wednesday despite a handful of disappointing economic reports.

Google's stock topped \$900 for the first time after the company announced several upgrades to its Android software for smartphones, and Macy's rose after beatings Wall Street's profit estimates. Apple fell, holding back the Nasdaq composite index.

The market got off to a weak start, then turned higher in late morning trading. Investors shrugged off a slowdown in manufacturing last month. More signs of slack in the U.S. economy, the thinking goes, means the Federal Reserve will keep pumping money into financial markets.

Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank's wealth management group, said most investors have come to expect choppy economic growth, so they take mildly disappointing reports in stride. With companies reporting rising earnings and few appealing alternatives, he sees no reason to sell stocks.

"It's a good backdrop for the market to trend higher," Sandven said.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 60.44 points to close at 15,275.69, an increase of 0.4 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 8.44 points to 1,658.78, up 0.4 percent. Both closed at all-time highs.

Google gained 3 percent as the online search company unveiled a music streaming service and upgraded features for Google Maps. Google rose

\$28.79 to \$915.89, a gain of 3 percent. It's up 50 percent over the past year.

News of slowing manufacturing in the U.S. and a widespread slowdown in Europe weighed on financial markets in early trading. The Federal Reserve said that U.S. factories cut back sharply on production in April, as automakers produced fewer cars and most other industries scaled back. But the stock market recovered by mid-

dividends than U.S. government bonds pay in interest, according to Sandven.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 9.01 points to 3,471.62, a gain of 0.2 percent.

Apple's stock took a sudden turn lower after reports said that a hedge fund run by the billionaire David Tepper slashed its holdings in the tech company. Apple lost \$15.01 to \$425.85, a 3 percent drop.

Strong corporate profits

25 cents and announced plans to buy an additional \$1.5 billion of its own stock. Macy's gained 2 percent, or \$1.18, to \$48.57.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 1.94 percent from 1.98 percent late Tuesday. Traders bought Treasuries, pushing yields down, partially in response to news that France became the latest European country to enter

a recession. Of the 17 countries that use the euro, nine of them now have shrinking economies.

The Fed's bond-buying program has kept interest rates near historically low levels and encouraged investors to shift money into riskier assets, like stocks. The Fed buys \$85 billion worth of bonds every month.

Among other companies in the news:

— Deere & Co. fell 4 percent. The company, which makes farm and construction equipment, reported earnings that beat analysts' expectations but also warned that cool spring temperatures and tepid demand for its products will slow down its sales this year. Deere's stock lost \$4.13 to \$89.64.

— Computer Sciences dropped 10 percent, the biggest loss in the S&P 500. The information technology company turned in much weaker revenue than analysts had expected. Sales of the company's services to businesses and local governments slumped. Computer Sciences lost \$4.78 to \$44.71. □



A man walks by the electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Enthusiasm on Wall Street sparked by another positive report on the U.S. economy helped push most Asian stock markets higher Wednesday. Japan's Nikkei 225 index surged 2.3 percent to 15,096.97.

(AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye)

day.

"Yes, we're at all-time highs, but valuations are still attractive," Sandven said. The S&P 500 is trading at 15 times earnings for 2013, in line with the historical average of the closely watched price-to-earnings ratio.

Tepid economic growth also keeps interest rates low, which encourages investors to buy dividend-paying stocks instead. More than four out of every 10 companies in the S&P 500 pay a higher yield in

have supported the market's rally this year. Quarterly earnings reached a record in the first quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ, rising 5 percent from the year before. Telecommunication companies have led the way. The S&P is up 16 percent so far in 2013.

Among companies reporting earnings Wednesday, Macy said its profit increased 20 percent. The department-store chain also raised its quarterly dividend by a nickel to

Buffett's firm reveals 2 new stock investments

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP) — Warren Buffett's company is revealing new investments in Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. and Starz.

Berkshire Hathaway also reduced its stake in snack food maker Mondelez International Inc. and made

several other adjustments to its \$85 billion U.S. stock portfolio during the first quarter.

The changes were disclosed Wednesday.

At the end of March, Berkshire held 6.5 million shares of engineering and con-

struction firm Chicago Bridge & Iron and 5.6 million shares of movie network Starz.

Berkshire cut its Mondelez stake to 7 million shares from 12.8 million at the end of 2012.

Berkshire's investments are

closely watched because many people try to copy Buffett's moves. But because many of the firm's latest investments are smaller than \$500 million, they are likely the work of Berkshire's two other investment managers. □

Oil back above \$94 a barrel after early loss

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil rose back above \$94 Wednesday after dropping earlier on disappointing economic reports from Europe and the U.S.

Benchmark oil for June delivery was up 9 cents to finish at \$94.30 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell as low as \$92.13 in the morning before rising in tandem with U.S. stock markets. Recently the stock market and, to a lesser degree, the oil market have shrugged off reports of sluggish economic growth, because it suggests that the Federal Reserve will keep pumping money into financial markets.

New figures released Wednesday showed the eurozone's economy continued to contract in the first quarter, keeping it in recession for a sixth consecutive quarter. And a report in the U.S. showed factories cut back sharply on production in April, suggesting economic growth may be slowing this spring.

That dreary economic news initially overshadowed the latest data from the Energy Department showing that oil supplies declined unexpectedly last week.

Crude supplies declined by 600,000 barrels, or 0.2 percent, to 394.9 million barrels, in the week ended May 10. Analysts expected an increase of 300,000 barrels. Still, demand for gasoline and distillates such as diesel remain below year-ago levels.

The national average for a gallon of gas rose about 1 cent from Tuesday, to \$3.59 a gallon. That's 6 cents more than a month ago, 14 cents lower than a year ago.

Brent crude, a benchmark for many international oil varieties, rose 99 cents to \$103.50 a barrel, after earlier dropping to \$100.91 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

— Wholesale gasoline rose 3 cents to finish at \$2.87 a gallon.

— Heating oil was flat at \$2.88 a gallon.

— Natural gas added 5 cents to end at \$4.07 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

Macy's 1Q profit rises 20 percent

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NEW YORK (AP) — Macy's Inc. reported a 20 percent increase in first-quarter profit even though cool temperatures and economic worries dampened some of its shoppers' spending on spring clothes. The company, which also operates the upscale chain Bloomingdale's, is also raising its dividend to 25 cents from the current 20 cents. It also announced an additional \$1.5 billion in stock buybacks. Macy's, a standout among its peers throughout the economic recovery, is the first of the major retailers to report first-quarter results that should provide insight into Americans' mindset heading into the summer season. The latest results show that while the job market is improving and housing market is recovering, Macy's and others that cater to middle-income shoppers still face hurdles. "We are especially pleased with our first-quarter sales and earnings performance given the challenges we overcame in this period," Terry Lundgren, chairman, president and CEO of Macy's, said in a statement. Like many clothing retailers, Macy's grappled with cool spring weather that lingered into April. But Lundgren also pointed to weak spending trends among the chain's most budget-conscious shoppers as well as among its higher-income Bloomingdale's customers. Macy's has been benefiting from its strategy of tailoring merchandise to local markets. The department store chain has also pulled in young shoppers by aligning with celebrities like Madonna and Jessica Simpson. But the company also said it will seek out new opportunities to get shoppers to spend. Analysts say that Macy's is benefiting from the troubles at rival J.C. Penney, which is set to announce its fifth straight quarter of sharp sales drops as it reels from strategies spearheaded by its former CEO Ron Johnson, who was ousted in April. Under Johnson, □

US factory output falls 0.4% in April

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. manufacturers cut back on production in April, as auto companies cranked out fewer cars, factories made fewer consumer goods and most other industries reduced output.

Production of autos and auto parts fell 1.3 percent in April. The drop is likely temporary because auto-makers are reporting stronger sales.

Still, the declines in April were broad-based. Factories produced fewer machines, electrical equip-

goods in part because of a weaker global economy, which has reduced demand for U.S. exports. And exports are likely to stay sluggish because the recession of the 17 European Union countries that use the euro has extended into its sixth quarter.

output at utilities and mines, dropped 0.5 percent in April. That's the biggest decline since August. Utility production plunged 3.7 percent, as power output returned to more normal levels after an unusually cold March.

A separate regional manufacturing report indicated that factory activity in the New York region shrank in May, signaling further weakness. The New York Federal Reserve Bank's Empire State manufacturing survey fell to -1.4 in May, down from 3.1 in April.

Still, there are some signs that factory output could pick up later this year, particularly in the auto industry.

Ford, GM, Chrysler and Nissan all reported double-digit U.S. sales increases, signaling the best April for car and truck sales in six years. Car sales have risen steadily this year after reaching a five-year high in 2012. American consumers have shown surprising resilience this year, even after an increase in Social Security taxes has lowered their take-home pay. Many economists say a better job market, cheaper gasoline and sustained gains in housing has helped offset the pinch from the tax increase. □



Repairmen work on engines on the assembly line at the Ford Cleveland Engine Plant 1, in Brook Park, Ohio. U.S. manufacturers cut back on production in April, as auto companies cranked out fewer cars, factories made fewer consumer goods and most other industries reduced output.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

The weakness suggests economic growth may be slowing.

The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that factory output dropped 0.4 percent in April, the third decline in four months.

ment, clothes, appliances, furniture and primary metals. Manufacturers made more computers and electronic products, among the few areas that showed gains.

Factories are making fewer

"American manufacturers are continuing to struggle in the face of subdued global demand," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. Overall industrial production, which also includes

HSBC plans \$3B in cuts, including 14,000 jobs

JULIA WERDIGIER
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LONDON — After two years of far-reaching cost cuts and asset sales, HSBC said Wednesday that it planned to find an additional \$2 billion to \$3 billion in savings by 2016 that would include the elimination of as many as 14,000 jobs.

In a meeting with investors, the management team of HSBC, the London-based bank, said it aimed to increase dividends and was considering buying back stock.

That would be a first among Europe's largest financial institutions, which until now have mainly increased capital reserves to comply with stricter regulations.

HSBC acknowledged that

increasing revenue in the current economic environment was a challenge.

Economic conditions forced the bank to abandon a target of reducing costs to 48 percent to 52 percent of income. It is now aiming for a cost-income ratio of about 55 percent by 2016.

"Given that revenues are quite dependent on the macroeconomic environment, and so are not in their control as much as costs, we think it is important for the cost structure to be as efficient as possible to allow them to deliver solid earnings," said Priyanka Agnihotri, an analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein.

Stuart T. Gulliver, the chief executive of HSBC, previ-

ously warned that the difficult economic environment in Europe and slower-than-expected growth in China had hurt the bank's income.

Gulliver told investors Wednesday that the bank would "continue to exert tight cost discipline while streamlining processes and procedures."

"Taken together," he added, "we are confident that these measures will deliver consistent and superior financial results and move us closer to achieving our ambition of being the world's leading international bank."

Shares in HSBC rose 0.9 percent in London on Wednesday.

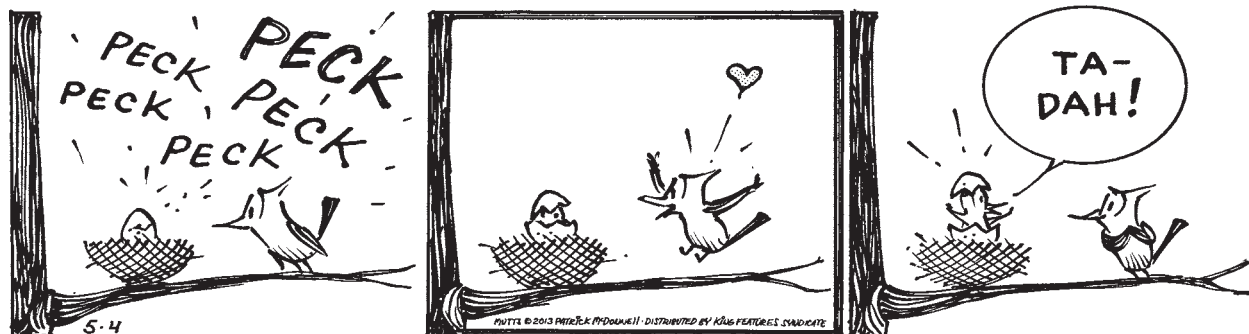
The shares have gained 44

percent over the past year, compared with a 75 percent increase for Barclays and a 21 percent rise for Standard Chartered, another London-based bank that like HSBC generates more than half of its earnings in Asia.

HSBC said it expected to achieve additional savings by simplifying some of its internal processes and aligning internal systems.

The total number of jobs could fall to 240,000 by 2016 from 254,000 once all planned business sales are completed in the coming months. The bank was keeping its target for return on equity, a measure of profitability, of 12 percent to 15 percent through 2016. □

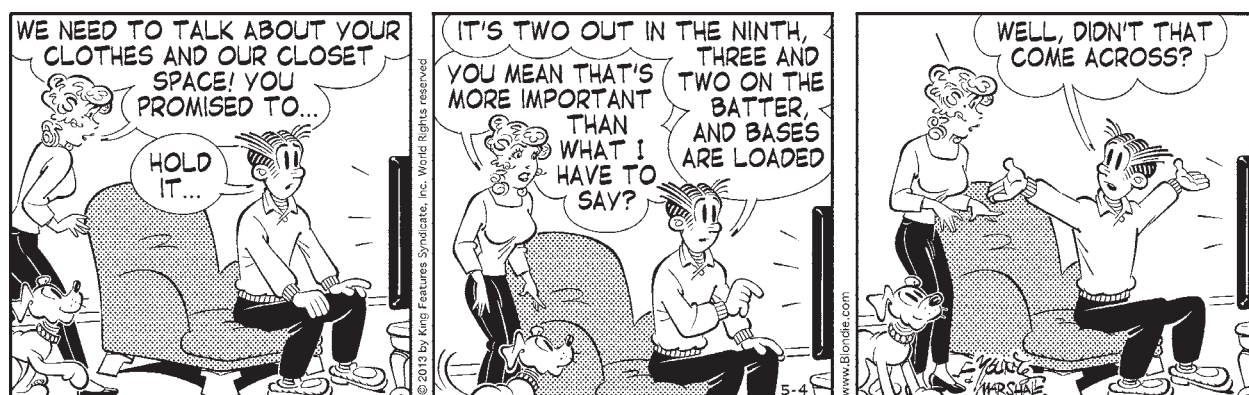
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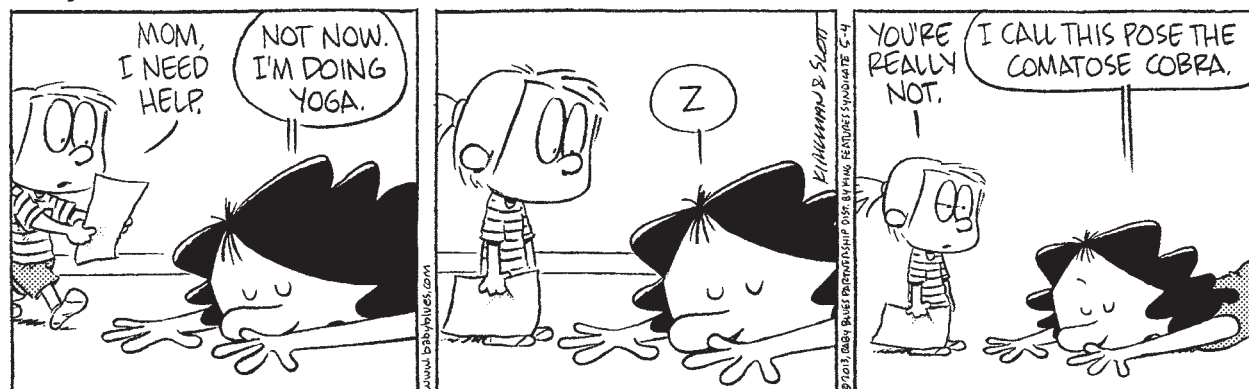
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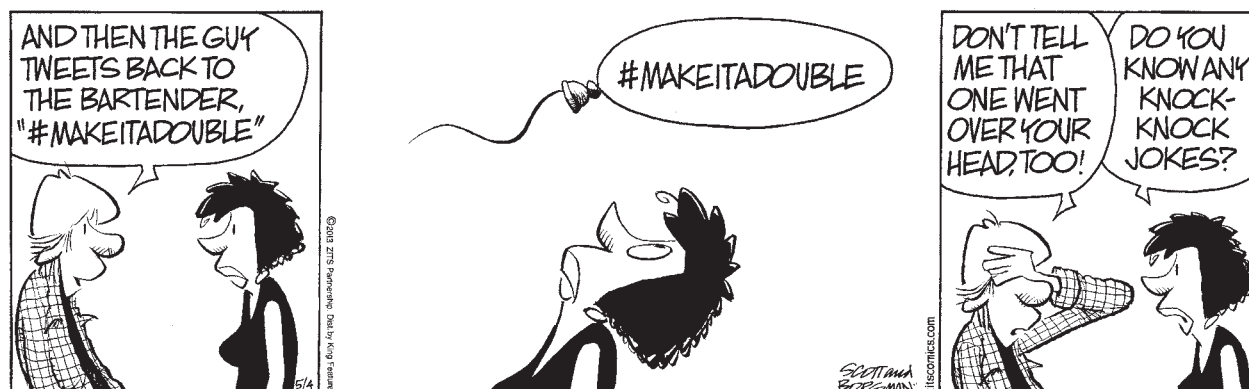
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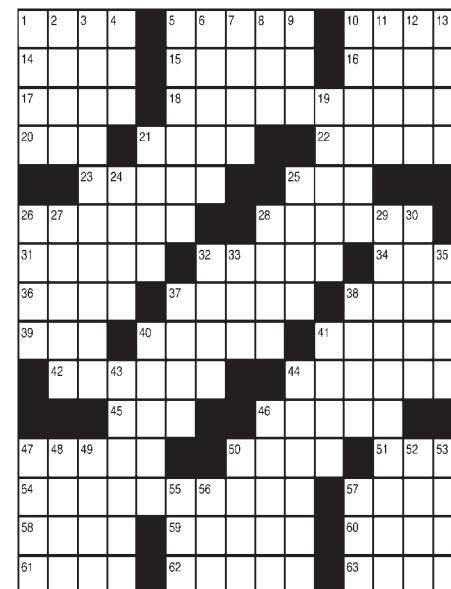
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- Smallest bill
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- Lower limb
- Zodiac sign
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- Tiny weight
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- Pyle or Els
- Commanded
- Obsolete
- Raise, as kids
- Part of a cigar

- The one and the other
- La Toya's sister
- Hit hard
- Voter's paper
- "The Star-Spangled __"
- Loop in a rope
- Lunch or dinner
- Wheel rod
- Go by
- Obey orders
- Injure
- Like a leaky fountain pen
- Hustle-bustle
- TV's Koppel
- Jacuzzi

Man dribbling soccer ball to Brazil killed by car

JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press

A Seattle man trying to dribble a soccer ball 10,000 miles (16,000 kilometers) to Brazil in time for the 2014 World Cup died Tuesday after being hit by a pickup truck on the Oregon Coast. Police in Lincoln City, Oregon, said 42-year-old Richard Swanson was hit at about 10 a.m. while walking south along U.S. Highway 101 near the city limits. He was declared dead at a local hospital. The driver has not been charged. Lt. Jerry Palmer said inves-

Kristi Schwesinger, a Seattle interior designer and close friend of Swanson's, said he had been a private investigator for many years, and switched to a new career as a graphic designer, but was laid off recently, and looking for an adventure.

"He was at a point in his life where he had raised his kids," she said. "Both his boys (Devin and Raven) had graduated from high school. He had no mortgage. He had sold his condo recently and was between jobs.

go on this trip," he said. His website said he left Seattle on May 1, and the trip would take him on foot for more than a year through 11 countries before reaching Sao Paulo, Brazil, where the World Cup soccer tournament will be played. "It will be a trip of a lifetime where I will push myself further than I ever thought possible," he wrote.

Swanson started out in flip-flops, and managed to spend 13 nights but switched to hiking sandals in Portland, Oregon, Schwesinger said. He stayed two nights in Vancouver, Washington state, with his son, Devin, but otherwise had been able to sleep on the couches of one stranger after another who befriended him and helped him on his journey. "It was all by word of mouth, Facebook, media contacts, friends and family who put the word out," Schwesinger said.

Swanson spent Monday night in Lincoln City, where he was able to soak in a hot tub, and eat a gourmet breakfast, before he set off for Newport, not knowing where he would stay, she added. He posted photos and stories about his new friends on a Facebook page chronicling his journey.

Friends are talking about creating a foundation in Swanson's memory, and sending his two sons to Brazil for the World Cup, Schwesinger said.

"The hardest thing is he was so young," Schwesinger said.

"Just today we were planning his surprise birthday party for Sunday. He was so young, so full of life, so excited by the journey he was on. To be taken from us so soon is really heartbreaking." □



In this May 7, 2013, photo, Richard Swanson, of Seattle, walks along a road in Kelso, Wash. Swanson, who was trying to dribble a soccer ball to Brazil in time for the 2014 World Cup, died Tuesday, May 14, 2013, after being hit by a pickup truck on the Oregon Coast. Police in Lincoln City, Ore., said 42-year-old Swanson was hit at about 10 a.m. walking south along U.S. Highway 101 near the city limits. He was declared dead at a local hospital. The driver has not been charged.

(AP Photo/Bill Wagner)

tigators found materials among Swanson's things listing his website, break-awaybrazil.com.

Swanson set out on the trek to promote the One World Futbol Project, based in Berkeley, California, which donates durable soccer balls to people in developing countries. The company did not immediately respond to a call for comment.

"We are deeply saddened to learn about Richard's death," Lisa Tarver, chief operating officer of the One World Futbol Project, said in a statement. "He was a very inspiring man who in a very short time walked his way into many lives. Our thoughts are with his family."

Police said Palmer's soccer ball was recovered.

"And he loved the game of soccer," she said. "He stumbled on this great organization, One World Futbol, and decided this would be his passion the next year."

In an interview with The Daily News in Longview, Washington state, Swanson said he picked up soccer just five years ago and played on club teams and rooted for the Seattle Sounders.

"I felt destined that I should

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Stem cells recovered from cloned human embryos

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —

Scientists have finally recovered stem cells from cloned human embryos, a long-standing goal that could lead to new treatments for such illnesses as Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

A prominent expert called the work a landmark, but noted that a different, simpler technique now under development may prove more useful.

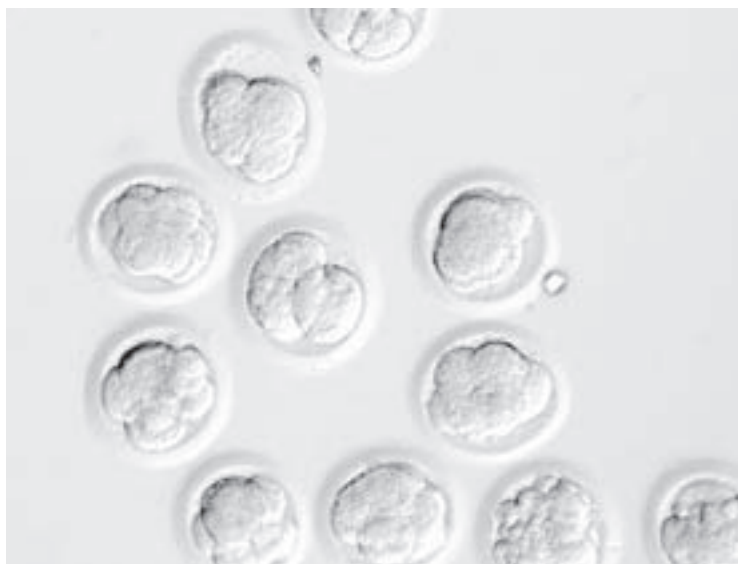
Stem cells can turn into any cell of the body, so scientists are interested in using them to create tissue for treating disease. Transplanting brain tissue might treat Parkinson's disorder, for example, and pancreatic tissue might be used for diabetes.

But transplants run the risk of rejection, so more than a decade ago, researchers proposed a way around that: Create tissue from stem cells that bear the patient's own DNA, obtained with a process called therapeutic cloning.

If DNA from a patient is put into a human egg, which is then grown into an early embryo, the stem cells from that embryo would provide a virtual genetic match. So in theory, tissues created from them would not be rejected by the patient.

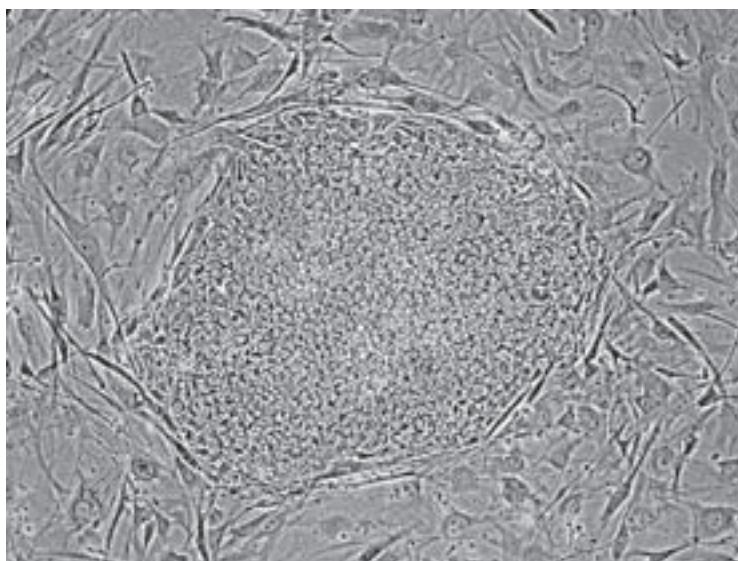
That idea was met with some ethical objections because harvesting the stem cells involved destroying human embryos.

Scientists have tried to get stem cells from cloned human embryos for about a decade, but they've failed. Generally, that's because the embryos stopped developing be-



This undated image made available by the Oregon Health & Science University in May 2013 shows developing cloned human embryos.

Associated Press



This undated image made available by the Oregon Health & Science University in May 2013 shows a stem cell colony developed from cloned human embryos.

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fore producing the cells. In 2004, a South Korean scientist claimed to have gotten stem cells from cloned human embryos, but that turned out to be a fraud. In Wednesday's edition of the journal *Cell*, however, scientists in Oregon report harvesting stem cells from six embryos created from donated eggs. Two embryos had been given DNA from skin cells of a child with a genetic disorder,

and the others had DNA from fetal skin cells.

Shoukhrat Mitalipov of the Oregon Health & Science University, who led the research, said the success came not from a single technical innovation, but from revising a series of steps in the process. He noted it had taken six years to reach the goal after doing it with monkey embryos. Mitalipov also said that based on monkey work, he believes human embryos made with the technique could not develop into cloned babies, and he has no interest in trying to do that. Scientists have cloned more than a dozen kinds of mammals, starting with Dolly the sheep.

The new work was financed by the university and the Leducq Foundation in Paris.

Dr. George Daley, a stem cell expert at Children's Hospital Boston who didn't participate in the work, called the new results "one landmark step in a very long journey" toward creating DNA-matched transplant tissue.

Now, Daley said, scientists must compare the embryo-cloning approach with another technology that reprograms blood or skin cells directly into substitutes for embryonic stem cells. This reprogramming approach is technically simpler and doesn't involve embryos or require the donation of human eggs, and it was widely acclaimed when it was reported in 2007. Its Japanese developer shared a Nobel Prize last year.

But these substitute cells show some molecular differences compared to embryonic ones, which has led to questions about whether they can safely be used for treating patients. So it's essential to compare the cells from the two methods, Daley said. The new results mean "we have another tool," he said. "We have to learn more about this tool."

Daley said he believed scientists will prefer using the reprogramming approach unless it can be proven "beyond a shadow of a

doubt" that embryo cloning produces better cells for treating patients.

Mitalipov said he believed his technique would present a particular advantage for treating patients with a certain type of rare diseases. These are caused by mutations in genes of the mitochondria, the power plants of cells. He noted his technique, unlike the cell-reprogramming approach, would supply tissue with new mitochondrial genes that could replace defective ones. Those new genes would come from the egg. The Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, director of education for National Catholic Bioethics Center, an independent think tank in Philadelphia, reiterated his opposition to embryo cloning, calling the approach unethical.

"It involves the decision to utilize early human beings as repositories for obtaining desired cells," he said. "You're creating them only to destroy them."

Marcy Darnovsky, executive director of the Center for Genetics and Society in Berkeley, California, said she was glad that Mitalipov doubted the embryos could be used to clone babies. She said the report still provides a good opportunity for the federal government to ban the use of cloning for reproduction. □

U.S. space agency's planet-hunting telescope broken

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's Kepler planet-hunting telescope is broken, potentially jeopardizing a U.S. mission that opened up whole new possibilities on life outside the solar system. If engineers can't find a fix, the malfunction could mean an end to the \$600 million mission's planet search, although the space agency wasn't ready to call it quits Wednesday.

"I wouldn't call Kepler down-and-out just yet," said NASA sciences chief John Grunsfeld.

NASA said the spacecraft

lost the second of four wheels that control the telescope's orientation in space. Over the next few weeks, engineers will try to repair the wheel or find another solution. The telescope could be used for other purposes even if it can no longer track down planets. "We can't point where we need to point. We can't gather data," deputy project manager Charles Sobeck told The Associated Press. Kepler was launched in 2009 in search of Earth-like planets. So far, it has confirmed 132 planets and spotted more than 2,700 potential ones. □

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Pitt says it was important for Jolie to go public

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Brad Pitt says it was important for his partner, Angelina Jolie, to share her story about having her breasts removed to avoid cancer "and that others would understand it doesn't have to be a scary thing."

In an interview published Wednesday in USA Today, the actor said: "In fact, it can be an empowering thing, and something that makes you stronger and makes us stronger."

Jolie revealed Tuesday in an op-ed article in The New York Times that she had a double mastectomy and breast reconstruction for an inherited gene mutation that put her at high risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Pitt called the experience "an emotional and beautifully inspiring few months." He added: "It's such a



This Feb. 26, 2012 file photo shows actors Brad Pitt, left, and Angelina Jolie at the 84th Academy Awards in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

Associated Press

wonderful relief to come through this and not have a specter hanging over our heads. To know that that's not going to be something that's going to affect us. My most proudest thing is our family. This isn't going to get that." □



Richter painting sells for \$37 million in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — A monumental 20th-century masterpiece by German artist Gerhard Richter has sold for \$37 million at a New York City auction.

Sotheby's says "Domplatz, Mailand" set a record for any living artist at auction. It was purchased Tuesday by a private American collector.

The work was commis-

sioned by Siemens Elettra in 1968 for its Milan offices. It is considered an outstanding example of Richter's 1960s photo-painting technique. The work depicts a shopping center facing Milan's cathedral.

It was offered for sale by the Hyatt Hotels Corp. Some of the proceeds will be used to acquire new art for its hotels. □

Group: Time for 'Modern Family' gay couple to wed

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union is lobbying for the most prominent gay parents on U.S. television to get married.

The campaign aimed at "Modern Family" comes as momentum for gay marriage builds in parts of the country.

ACLU Action started a campaign to urge the show's producers to write a wedding episode for Mitchell and Cameron, fathers of an adopted child and one of three couples at the heart of the show.

The ACLU says it is appealing to the fictional family to draw more attention to the real issue as the Supreme Court deliberates on two important marriage equality cases.

"Mitch and Cam are a couple that America has come to know and love, and seeing them get married, and seeing the characters in the story grapple with their desire to get married, makes it real for a bigger part of America," said James Esseks, director of



This TV publicity image released by ABC shows Eric Stonestreet, as Cameron, left, and Jesse Tyler Ferguson as Mitchell in a scene from the comedy "Modern Family."

Associated Press

the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Project at the ACLU. Supporters are invited to "RSVP" to the wedding online. The ACLU plans to deliver the online "guest list" to the show's producers but said it had not yet contacted the show.

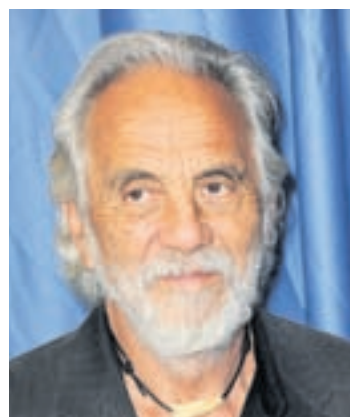
ABC referred questions to 20th Century Fox Studios, which did not immediately respond.

Show creator Steven Levitan tweeted a link to the campaign with "Wow."

Jessie Tyler Ferguson, who plays Mitchell, tweeted: "Love this! Thank you ACLU!"

Esseks said the petition was a departure for the group, but that along with filing lawsuits, lobbying for bills or organizing ballot initiatives, the group saw public education and changing the culture as part of its mission. He applauded what "Modern Family" has done already for public perception of gay couples. □

Tommy Chong says legalized marijuana could save U.S.



This April 18, 2013 file photo shows Tommy Chong at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

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JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Grammy Award-winning comedy duo Cheech and

Chong based their 42-year career on counterculture humor with a particular emphasis on marijuana use. But these days Tommy Chong sees the recreational drug as something more than fodder for jokes about stoned hippies.

The 74-year-old comedian thinks legalizing marijuana on a federal level would offer numerous benefits, including a boost to the U.S. economy if it were taxed. "There's little manufacturing cost. You don't have to do anything except watch it grow and get a couple of hippies to cut it and then put it in a bag," Chong said.

His ambitions for marijuana may be outsized, but he

notes the potential medical uses that have already inspired some states to legalize the drug.

Nearly 20 states have enacted laws to legalize medical marijuana, and two of them — Colorado and Washington — have totally legalized it. And at least 12 states have pending legislation to legalize for medical use.

"Hemp itself is going to save the world," Chong said.

Chong's comedy partner, Richard "Cheech" Marin, 66, thinks legalization will come in the next couple of years.

"The tipping point is 24 states to legalize medical marijuana, so it's coming soon," said Marin. □

CBS adding Robin Williams comedy

NEW YORK (AP) — A comedy series starring Robin Williams as an unorthodox advertising executive with Sarah Michelle Gellar as his daughter will debut on CBS later this year.

The network's autumn schedule will include four new comedies and one new drama. CBS ordered only eight new series for the entire season, reflecting its success as America's top broadcast network by

a wide margin.

CBS said Wednesday it is moving the drama "Person of Interest" from Thursday to Tuesday nights, meaning TV's three top-rated dramas this year will run back-to-back-to-back on the schedule. "Hawaii Five-0" shifts from Monday to Friday nights.

The network is canceling "CSI: N.Y.," "Vegas," "Golden Boy" and "Rules of Engagement." □

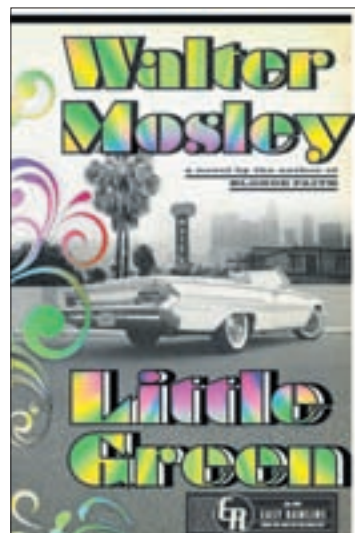
Easy Rawlins returns in 'Little Green'

BRUCE DESILVA
Associated Press

From the moment he first appeared in "Devil in a Blue Dress" in 1990, Easy Rawlins, was an instant favorite of discerning readers and literary critics alike. So the disappointment was palpable when the black private detective, drunk and in despair over a lost love, deliberately drove his car off a California cliff at the conclusion of "Blonde Faith," the eleventh novel in the series.

At the time, Easy's creator, Walter Mosley, said he'd had his fill of Easy and that it was time to move on to other creative work. In the six years since, he has remained productive, turning out political nonfiction, science fiction, young adult novels and fine crime novels featuring three new protagonists.

But now, at long last, Easy is back in "Little Green," where we find him awakening from a two-month-long coma to discover, as usual, that people he cares about need his help. The Easy Rawlins novels have always been distinguished by the writer's remarkable literary style and the seriousness of his purpose, for these books have never been mere whodunits. Taken together,



This book cover image released by Doubleday shows "Little Green," by Walter Mosley.

Associated Press

they are nothing less than a history of race relations in post-World War II Los Angeles.

"Little Green" more than lives up to the high standard the author has set.

This isn't the first time Mosley has brought a character back to life. He appeared to have killed off Easy's dangerous sidekick, Mouse, only to have him return from oblivion two books later. Now, as a badly broken Easy regains consciousness, Mouse is one of the first faces Easy sees.

Mouse, it seems, has promised a worried mother that he will find her missing teenage son. □

Zoe Saldana brushes off criticism of Simone role



Zoe Saldana arrives at the LA premiere of "Star Trek Into Darkness" at The Dolby Theater on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in Los Angeles. **Associated Press**

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LONDON (AP) — Zoe Saldana has played an alien and a future space traveler — but taking on the role of an actual famous person proved even harder. The 34-year-old star of "Avatar" and "Star Trek" plays pianist, singer and activist Nina Simone in the forthcoming biopic "Nina."

Her casting drew criticism from some, who argued that Saldana bears little resemblance to the singer, who died in 2003 aged 70. Musician India.Arie said "they should have chosen someone who looks like Nina Simone," and an online petition for a boycott of the film attracted more than 10,000 signatures.

But Saldana said she feels strongly that she's right to play Simone, an immense, irascible talent who made an indelible mark on both music and the civil rights movement with songs including "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" and "Mississippi Goddam."

"The Nina Simone story needed to be told, and I'm really blessed that I did it," said Saldana, a New

Yorker of Puerto Rican and Dominican descent.

"I'm human. I wish I was made of steel and so certain things wouldn't affect me," Saldana said at a recent London event to promote "Star Trek Into Darkness," in which she plays multilingual communications officer Lt. Uhura.

"So it did affect me but I couldn't let that deter me from doing what I needed to do. "Just like everybody else I feel very strongly about Nina Simone, and that (this) was a story that needed to be told.

"I do believe that if everybody had more information about how this all came to be, it might help," she added. "But then again, I'm not here to get the acceptance of people. I'm here to be an artist first."

"Star Trek Into Darkness," the second film in J.J. Abrams' rebooted series, sees Uhura play a bigger role in the action, to Saldana's delight. She even got to do a scene in Klingon.

"They flew in this linguist from San Francisco who gives courses. You go

away for the weekend and you just speak Klingon," she said. "It ended up being much easier than I thought."

Like the entire Enterprise crew, Saldana has mixed feelings about Abrams' imminent departure for the "Star Wars" universe. He is due to revive the series with a new film in 2015, so it looks unlikely he'll be at the helm of a third "Star Trek" voyage.

Saldana hopes he'll remain as a producer, with another member of the existing team — possibly one of the writers — stepping in to direct.

She said she wouldn't want to see a new director come in and lose the essence of Abrams' reboot of the series.

"There's been a tone set" with Abrams' movies, she said — "So much so that it's made a fan out of me." Aha! So is Saldana, like Abrams, a "Star Wars" fan in the "Star Trek" camp? Neither, it turns out.

"I'm more of a 'Dune' kind of person," she said.

"Star Trek Into Darkness" opens Thursday in the United States. □

Our Ceaseless Circus Continues



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Four Americans died in Benghazi, Libya: people with unrealized hopes, unfinished plans, relatives who loved them and friends who will miss them.

But let's focus on what really matters about the attack and its aftermath. Did Hillary Clinton's presumed 2016 presidential campaign take a hit?

We live in a country lousy with guns and bloody with gun-related violence, manifest two weeks ago in a Kentucky 5-year-old's fatal shooting of his 2-year-old sister, evident over the weekend in a hail of bullets at a Mother's Day parade in New Orleans.

But let's cut to the chase. Did Kelly Ayotte, the New Hampshire senator, safeguard or endanger her political future by casting one of the votes that doomed gun-control legislation in the Senate? And does the law's failure mean that it's time to write the obituary for Barack Obama's presidency, which has more than 1,300 days to go, or can we wait — I don't know — a week or maybe even two to do that?

Now we have a scandal at the Internal Revenue Service to factor in. And a scandal it is, in urgent need of a thorough investigation, which Obama pledged at his news conference on Monday and which we're very much owed.

But before we get a full account, let's by all means pivot to the possible political fallout, politics being all that seems to matter these days. Will Republicans ever trust and be able to work with the administration again? (This is being asked as if there were all that much trust and cooperation in the first place.) Have they finally been handed the cudgel that can whack Obama and his crew into oblivion? Assess, discuss and please don't forget to make predictions about the 2014 midterms.

It never gets better and may in fact be getting worse: the translation of all of the news and of all of Washington's responses into a ledger of electoral pluses and minuses, a graph of rising and falling political fortunes, a narrative of competition between not just the parties but the would-be potentates within a party. On issue after issue, the sideshow swallows the substance, as politicians and the seemingly infinite ranks of political handlers join us journalists in gaming everything

out, ad infinitum.

To follow the debate over immigration reform is to lose sight at times of the 11 million undocumented immigrants in limbo and the challenge of finding the most economically fruitful and morally sound way to deal with them and their successors. No, the real stakes are U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's presidential aspirations. Will he pay a high price with the Republican base for pushing a path to citizenship? Or will he earn necessary centrist credentials?

And where does it leave him vis-à-vis Rand Paul and Ted Cruz, who are fellow Republican senators itching for prominence and are also hypothetical primary rivals? The next presidential election is 3 1/2 years away — an eternity, really — but instead of putting a damper on speculation, that time span has encouraged it, letting a thousand theories and nearly as many contenders bloom.

We can wonder: If Clinton decided not to run, would a door open for another woman, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York? Just how well has Gillibrand positioned herself for such a turn? That story is already out there, and in it her record is framed largely in terms of her prospects for national office, as if one exists in the service of the other, as if the point of a congressional seat is leveraging it into an even better, more regal throne.

What about the actual business of governing? Between all the preening, partisan crossfire and of course fundraising that consumes members of Congress, is there any space and energy for that?

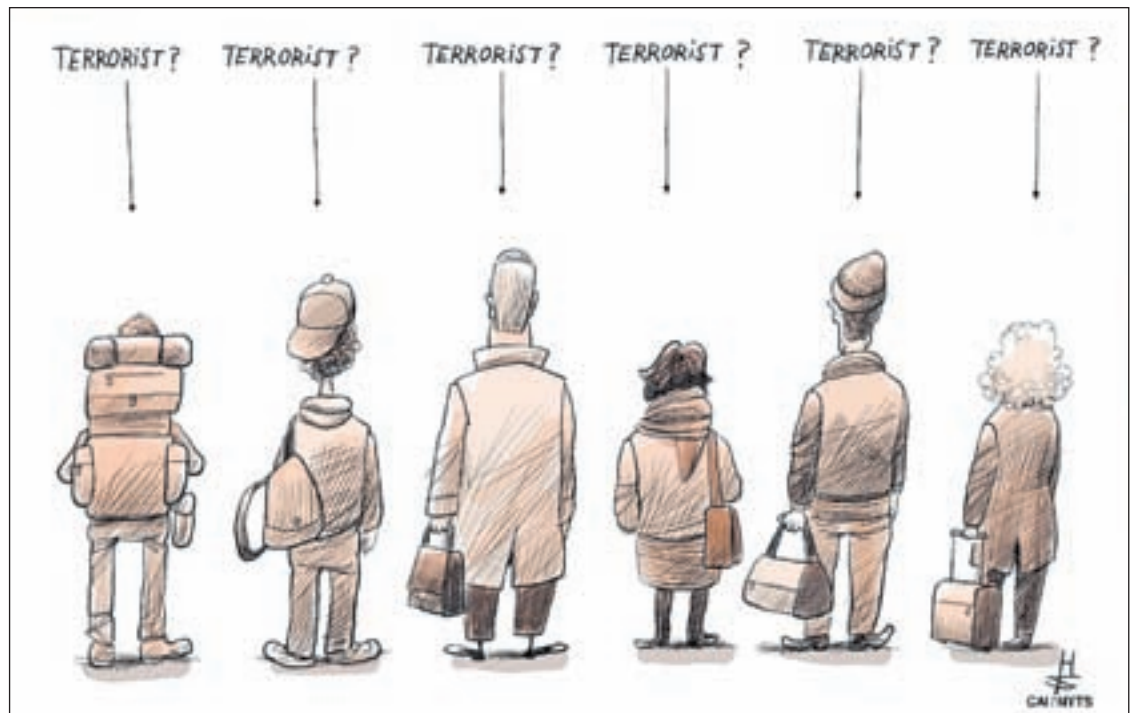
Not much, to judge from either the sclerosis that now defines the institution or the obsessions of those of us in the media. Our quickness to publicize skirmishes and divine political jockeying abet both. Actors tend to do whatever keeps the audience rapt.

At Obama's news conference, he breezed past the IRS debacle too quickly, and I'm not sure why he'd stayed mum until then. He flashed too much self-righteous anger about the scrutiny of the Benghazi talking points, which strike to important matters of accountability and credibility.

But however self-servingly, Obama got one thing about Benghazi exactly right: What's most vital, and what's being obscured, is how we improve diplomatic security.

After all, the fates altered most profoundly by the attack weren't his or Clinton's or any other pol's, but rather those of the four lost Americans: J. Christopher Stevens, Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods and Sean Smith.

"We dishonor them," Obama said, "when we turn things like this into a political circus." Indeed. But it's what we turn almost everything into. □



The Next Scapegoat



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Twenty years ago, when she was a young Foreign Service officer in Moscow, Victoria Nuland gave me a dazzling briefing on the diverse factions inside the Russian parliament. Now she is a friend I typically see a couple times a year, at various functions, and I have watched her rise, working with everybody from Dick Cheney to Hillary Clinton, serving as ambassador to NATO, and now as the spokeswoman at the State Department.

Over the past few weeks, the spotlight has turned on Nuland. The charge is that intelligence officers prepared accurate talking points after the attack in Benghazi, Libya, and that Nuland, serving her political masters, watered them down.

The charges come from two quarters, from Republicans critical of the Obama administration's handling of Benghazi and intelligence officials shifting blame for Benghazi onto the State Department.

It's always odd watching someone you know get turned into a political cartoon on the cable talk shows. But this case is particularly disturbing because Nuland did nothing wrong.

Let's review the actual events. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens was killed on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. For this there is plenty of blame to go around. We now know, thanks to reporting by Eric Schmitt, Helene Cooper and Mi-

chael Schmidt in The Times, that Benghazi was primarily a CIA operation. Furthermore, intelligence officers underestimated how dangerous the situation was. They erred in vetting the Libyan militia that was supposed to provide security.

The next day, Nuland held a background press briefing, a transcript of which is available on the State Department's website. She had two main points. There's a lot we don't know. The attack was conducted by Libyan extremists. She made no claim that it was set off by an anti-Muslim video or arose spontaneously from demonstrations.

On Friday, Sept. 14, David Petraeus, then the director of the CIA, gave a classified briefing to lawmakers in Congress. The lawmakers asked him to provide talking points so they could discuss the event in the news media.

CIA analysts began work on the talking points. Early drafts, available on Jonathan Karl's ABC News website, reflect the confused and fragmented state of knowledge. The first draft, like every subsequent one, said the Benghazi attacks were spontaneously inspired by protests in Cairo. It also said that extremists with ties to al-Qaida participated. The CIA analysts quickly scrubbed references to al-Qaida from the key part of the draft, investigators on Capitol Hill now tell me. On Friday evening of Sept. 14, the updated talking points were emailed to the relevant officials in various departments, including Nuland. She wondered why the CIA was giving members of Congress talking points that were far more assertive than anything she could say or defend herself. She also noted that the talking points left the impression that the CIA had issued all sorts of warnings before the attack.

Remember, this was at a moment when the State Department was taking heat for what was mostly a CIA operation, while doing verbal gymnastics to hide the CIA's role. Intentionally

or not, the CIA seemed to be repaying the favor by trying to shift blame to the State Department for ignoring intelligence.

Nuland didn't seek to rewrite the talking points. In fact, if you look at the drafts that were written while she was sending emails, the drafts don't change much from one to the next. She was just kicking the process up to the policy-maker level.

At this point, Nuland's participation in the whole affair ends.

On Saturday morning, what's called a deputies committee meeting was held at the White House. I'm told the talking points barely came up at that meeting. Instead, the CIA representative said he would take proactive measures to streamline them. That day, the agency reduced the talking points to the bare nub Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was given before going on the Sunday talk shows. Several things were apparently happening. Each of the different players had their hands on a different piece of the elephant. If there was any piece of the talking points that everybody couldn't agree upon, it got cut. Second, the administration proceeded with extreme caution about drawing conclusions, possibly overlearning the lessons from the Bush years. Third, as the memos moved up the CIA management chain, the higher officials made them more tepid (this is apparently typical). Finally, in the absence of a clear narrative, the talking points gravitated toward the least politically problematic story, blaming the anti-Muslim video and the Cairo demonstrations.

Is this a tale of hard intelligence being distorted for political advantage? Maybe. Did Victoria Nuland scrub the talking points to serve Clinton or President Barack Obama? That charge is completely unsupported by the evidence. She was caught in a brutal interagency turf war, and she defended her department. □

Minimalist Menu Can Still Include Pulled Pork

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The first time I made pulled pork, it involved a seven-pound bone-in pork butt and an entire day of gentle smoking on the barbecue. It fed a backyard full of guests, and there were plenty of leftovers, too. The last time I made pulled pork, I bought a three-pound boneless shoulder roast (pork butt is another

bone, you make up for it by gaining surface area on which to spread the spice rub. That's because of the way the butcher removes the bone, turning a hunk of pork into a long piece of meat that is generally sold tied with twine. Once you cut off the twine and uncurl the meat, you'll be able to reach more of the nooks than you could with a whole, bone-in roast.

ing. Then coat the meat in barbecue sauce and arrange it next to a pile of soft buns or hamburger rolls, letting your guests put together sandwiches. Coleslaw, in this case laced with jalapeno, is the traditional accompaniment. But any cool, crisp vegetable or pickle nestled on the warm, rich shreds of meat will go nicely, too.

3 tablespoons dark brown sugar
3 1/2 pounds boneless pork shoulder
Hamburger or brioche buns, for serving

BARBECUE SAUCE:

1 1/2 cups ketchup
1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
2 tablespoons molasses
2 garlic cloves, minced or grated

2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
Black pepper

1. Assemble the spice rub for the pork: In a dry, small skillet over medium-low heat, toast coriander, cumin and peppercorns until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Using a spice grinder or mortar and pestle, grind toasted spices into a fine powder. Transfer to a bowl and mix with salt, mustard powder, chili powder and sugar.

2. If your roast is tied up, untie it. Massage meat generously with spice rub. If you have time, let meat rest for an hour or two at room temperature, or refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

3. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Place pork in a baking pan and roast for 3 to 4 hours or until meat is pull-apart tender and internal temperature reads 200 degrees on a meat thermometer. Let meat cool for at least 30 minutes before pulling it apart and shredding with your hands or two forks. (This works best when the meat is warm but not hot.)

4. Prepare the barbecue sauce: Combine ingredients in a medium pot. Simmer over medium-low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce has deepened in color. Season with more hot sauce if you like. Add two-thirds of the sauce to meat and toss to coat, adding more sauce as needed. (Any leftover sauce will keep for at least 2 weeks in the refrigerator.)

5. Make the slaw: Combine cabbage, onion and jalapeno in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Add dressing to cabbage and toss well.

6. Serve pulled pork with slaw, buns and hot sauce on the side, letting people assemble their own sandwiches. □



Pulled pork sandwiches with spicy jalapeno slaw. Pulled pork doesn't have to be the work of a day and a feast for a crowd if you choose a smaller boneless shoulder roast.

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

name for a piece of shoulder). The meat was ready in a few hours, and it fed exactly the number of guests I can comfortably fit around my table. There was just enough left over for a dainty sandwich the next day.

Along the way I realized that pulled pork doesn't have to be the work of a day and a feast for a crowd. Making a small batch is not hard and fairly convenient.

The lack of bone and smaller size can even work to your advantage, flavor wise; although you lose the deep marrow richness imparted by the

And because the pork cooks until it's practically falling apart, you don't need to retie it. It will do fine in any shape it hits your baking pan.

In this recipe, I roast the meat in the oven instead of barbecuing it, but only for the sake of ease. If you would rather cook it outside on the grill, preferably indirectly over a smoky low fire, you certainly can.

In either case, make sure to cook the meat until fork tender (200 degrees on a meat thermometer), then let it rest only until it's cool enough to pull apart comfortably. The warmer the meat, the easier the pull-

PULLED PORK SANDWICHES WITH SPICY JALAPENO SLAW

Time: 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours, plus at least 1 1/2 hours' marinating and resting
Yield: Serves 8 to 10

THE PORK:

1 1/2 teaspoons whole coriander seed
1 1/2 teaspoons whole cumin seed
1 1/2 teaspoons black peppercorns
2 1/2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt
1 1/2 teaspoons dry mustard powder
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder

1/4 cup cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons sweet or hot paprika
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon dry mustard powder
Pinch of cayenne
Dash of hot sauce, more to taste

THE SLAW:

1 small head green cabbage, outer leaves removed, shredded (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 large jalapeno, seeded if desired, thinly sliced
3/4 cup mayonnaise